2005 The Nth Degree
MERLOT

APPELLATION  100% Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay

VARIETAL CONTENT  85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER  Karl D. Wente

ALCOHOL  14.6%
PH  3.56
TOTAL ACID  0.61 g/100ml
RESIDUAL SUGAR  Dry

RELEASE DATE  November 2007

VINEYARD  These prime Livermore Valley vineyards were selected for the Nth Degree program because of their consistent production of exceptional fruit. The selected blocks were farmed to the Nth Degree, using a method we refer to as, “ultra farming”. The grapes were hand-harvested in the early morning into ½ ton bins, sorted, and then crushed into small stainless steel fermentors.

WINEMAKING  Fermentation started in small stainless steel tanks. The wine was then racked and barreled where malolactic fermentation was completed.

AGING  This wine was aged in oak barrels for 18 months.

DESCRIPTION  Showing a vibrant red color, this Merlot has rich aromas of herbal tea, and black cherry married with vanilla that continue in the mouth with luscious tannins and mouth-filling fruit leading to a long, intense finish.

HISTORY  Founded 125 years ago, Wente Vineyards is the country’s oldest continuously operated family–owned winery. Owned and managed today by the fourth and fifth generations of the Wente family, the winery draws from nearly 3,000 acres of estate vineyards in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Arroyo Seco, Monterey winegrowing regions to make an outstanding portfolio of wines.

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