



CABERNET FRANC SMALL LOT 2012

Appellation: Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay

Varietal Content: 80% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petite Sirah, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon,

3% Petit Verdot

Winemaker: Karl D. Wente

Alcohol: 14.1 % **pH:** 3.53

Total Acid: 0.59 g/100ml

Barrels Produced: 12

Release Date: July 2014

Vineyard: The Cabernet Franc grapes were harvested from the Sacchau and Mel ranches, the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested from the Marina ranch, the Petite Verdot grapes were harvested from the Sacchau ranch and the Petite Sirah grapes from the Herman ranch.

Fermentation: After being handpicked, the grapes were hand-sorted at the winery and then gently pressed, leaving any possible bitter tannins behind. Fermentation took place in small one-ton open top bins and the grapes were punched down by hand twice daily, as well as small stainless steel tanks where the must was gently pumped over twice daily.

Aging: This wine was aged for 20 months in French, Eastern European, American, and neutral oak barrels.

Description: This Cabernet Franc has wonderful aromas of chocolate, mint, and coffee. Plum, chocolate and black olive flavors, medium acidity, and lingering tannins round out this sumptuous wine.

History: Founded in 1883, 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 sustainably farmed estate vineyards in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Arroyo Seco, Monterey winegrowing regions to make an outstanding portfolio of wines.

