



L I M I T E D  R E L E A S E

# SONATA

## SMALL LOT

### 2012

**Appellation:** Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay  
**Varietal Content:** 55% Syrah, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Winemaker:** Karl D. Wente  
**Alcohol:** 14.1%  
**pH:** 3.67  
**Total Acid:** 0.59g/100ml  
**Barrels Produced:** 24  
**Release Date:** August 2014

**Vineyard:** The Syrah grapes were harvested from the Hayes ranch and the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested from the Smith ranch.

**Fermentation:** 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:** The wine was aged for 17 months in French, Eastern European, American, and neutral oak barrels.

**Description:** Our 2012 Sonata exhibits aromas and flavors of currant, dark berry, chocolate and spice with bold tannins that lead to a rich, extended finish.

**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 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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