



**WENTE**  
VINEYARDS

*Louis Mel*

ESTATE GROWN  
SAUVIGNON BLANC  
LIVERMORE VALLEY · SAN FRANCISCO BAY  
2014



*“Our Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc is harvested when the acidity in the grapes reaches the level we desire for our finished wine. The grapes are picked in the pre-dawn hours of the morning and brought to the winery where they are gently pressed, cold settled, and then cold fermented. We take these steps to ensure that we are extracting and maintaining only the best flavors from our estate grown Sauvignon Blanc grapes.”*

*- Karl D. Wente, Fifth Generation Winemaker*

V I N E Y A R D

Since 1883, five generations of our family have handcrafted fine wines that express the very best of our vineyards and winemaking expertise. Our Estate Grown Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc is named after a French emigrant, Louis Mel, who traveled to the western United States in the 1870's seeking a place to make wines to rival the great French Crus. He found the ideal home in the Livermore Valley. Acquiring Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon cuttings from the Marquis de Lur-Saluces, owner of the famed Chateau Y'quem, he planted them in his vineyards. The Wente family acquired the Louis Mel estate in the 1930's, where the descendants of these vines, located in the southern Livermore Valley, live in gravel and loam soils that are similar to the terroir of their native Bordeaux.

W I N E M A K I N G

**FERMENTATION** The grapes were cold fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain their natural vibrancy.

**AGING** Aged in stainless steel tanks.

T A S T I N G N O T E S

Our 2014 Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc has slight hints of peach, apple and floral notes on the nose. Bright citrus with a touch of lime make way for wonderful acidity and mild grassy notes on the palate. This wine delivers a long, refreshing finish.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION  
100% Sauvignon Blanc

ALCOHOL 13.0v%  
pH 3.19  
TA 0.59g/100ml

VINTAGE  
HARVEST DATE(S) 09/2-09/10  
BRIX AT HARVEST 22.5  
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