



WENTE
VINEYARDS

Southern Hills

ESTATE GROWN
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
LIVERMORE VALLEY · SAN FRANCISCO BAY
2014



“With fruit sourced from our estate vineyards, our Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon is expressive of the Livermore Valley. The fruit comes from the valley floor and southern hills of Livermore Valley with its gravelly alluvial fans. Our soil and climate help to give us a Cabernet that is rich in flavor and appealing in structure.”

- Karl D. Wente, Fifth Generation Winemaker

VINEYARD

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 Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon is named for our vineyards located along the southern hills of the Livermore Valley. The Wente family farms approximately 400 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards using the two clones originating from California wine pioneer Charles Wetmore’s Bordeaux cuttings in the 19th century. With Livermore Valley’s unique East-West orientation, well-drained rocky soils, and unique mesoclimates, the Southern Hills vineyards are located in the most desirable settings with exposures ideal for growing Cabernet Sauvignon of distinct character, depth and intensity.

WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION The various components were fermented separately in upright stainless steel tanks and gently pumped over twice daily. This process of aeration helps to increase the extraction of aromas, flavors, and textures within the grapes.

AGING This wine was aged for 16 months in new and used French and Eastern European oak barrels as well as stainless steel tanks. Aging in stainless steel helps preserve fruit vibrancy in the wine.

TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon is brilliantly focused with aromas and flavors of Bing cherry, black cherry, raspberry, and blackberry with notes of herbs, bay leaf, roasted coffee and subtle dark chocolate. The wine has excellent concentration and a full mouthfeel with gripping tannins and balanced acidity. A perfect pairing for red meats, pasta or grilled vegetables.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
77% Cabernet Sauvignon,
8% Petit Verdot,
8% Malbec,
7% Petite Sirah

ALCOHOL 13.5%
pH 3.71
TA 0.60/100ml

HARVEST DATE(S) 10/5-10/18
BRIX AT HARVEST 24.6

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