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# Shorthorn Canyon

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**Appellation:** 100% Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay

**Varietal Content:** 91% Syrah, 9% Barbera

**Winemaker:** Karl D. Wente

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**pH:** 3.74

**Total Acid:** 0.58g/100ml

**Residual Sugar:** Dry

**Origin:** In 1918, Ernest and Herman Wente began raising Shorthorn cattle in the southern hills and ridge lands bordering the Livermore Valley. This ranching endeavor helped Wente Vineyards survive Prohibition and the Depression years. Years later, the hills and canyons were selected for vineyard sites. Slopes and soils were identified as ideal for growing outstanding Syrah. Shorthorn Canyon Syrah is the Wente family's tribute to more than 120 years of winemaking and ranching in the Livermore Valley.

**Fermentation:** Each vineyard was harvested separately and fermented in upright fermenters. Rack and return was performed twice daily. Rack and return is the process of draining all of the free-run juice off of the cap, then pumping the free-run juice back over the top of the fermenter. This method increases color and tannin extraction and improves mouthfeel through the integration of oxygen.

**Aging:** Each blend was aged separately, with part in neutral French and American oak barrels and part in stainless steel.

**Description:** This 2005 Syrah has a dark purple-red color and aromas toffee, coffee, and blackberry accentuated by hints of spice. This wine has medium tannins, black cherry flavors and a smooth, spicy finish.



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