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Sandstone

MERLOT
2007

Appellation: 97% Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay
3% Arroyo Seco, Monterey
Varietal Content: 83% Merlot, 6% Barbera, 6% Petit Verdot
5% Sangiovese
Winemaker: Karl D. Wente
Alcohol: 14.0%
pH: 3.58
Total Acid: 0.52 g/100ml

Origin: The fruit for Sandstone Merlot comes from a gently sloping formation of hills running along the southeastern corner of the famous Livermore Valley. The Wente family's hillside Merlot vineyards deliver fully ripened fruit with exceptional depth of character.

Fermentation: Each varietal was harvested separately and fermented in stainless steel tanks. The wine was pumped over twice daily to increase the color and tannin extractions and improves mouthfeel through the integration of oxygen.

Aging: Aged for 20 months in French, American, Eastern European, and neutral oak.

Description: With a smooth mouthfeel and inviting tannins, this Merlot exhibits flavors of raspberry and strawberry, with hints of vanilla oak and caramel and a long, fruity finish.



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