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**Appellation:** 100% Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay  
**Varietal Content:** 95% Petite Sirah, 5% Barbera

**Winemaker:** Karl D. Wente

**Alcohol:** 13.7%  
**pH:** 3.53  
**Total Acid:** 0.60 g/100ml

**Vineyard:** The Petite Sirah grapes were harvested from the Herman and Ruby Hill blocks. The Barbera was harvested from the Silva block.

**Fermentation:** After being handpicked, the grapes were hand-sorted at the winery; the Petite Sirah and Barbera were both fermented in small one ton fermentors and punched down by hand twice daily. The wines were gently pressed, leaving any bitter tannins behind.

**Aging:** The wine was aged for 18 months in American, Eastern European, and neutral oak barrels.

**Description:** Our Petite Sirah has a beautiful dense color with aromas and flavors of blueberry, raspberry, red plum and an undercurrent of cocoa and earth. With mouth-filling, well balanced tannins, this wine has a smooth yet powerful finish.

**History:** Founded more than 125 years ago, 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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