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Appellation: Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay
Varietal Content: Counoise, Syrah
Winemaker: Karl D. Wente
Alcohol: 13.6%
pH: 3.56
Total Acid: 0.52 g/100ml

Vineyard: The Counoise was harvested from our Marina vineyard, and the Syrah from our Marina and Hayes vineyards in the Livermore Valley. These grapes were ultra-farmed, handpicked into half-ton bins, and hand sorted in order to ensure premium quality. The grapes were gently crushed into stainless steel tanks and pumped over twice daily in order to maximize color and tannin extraction until primary fermentation was completed prior to moving into barrel.

Fermentation: After being handpicked, the Counoise and Syrah were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks and pumped over twice daily.

Aging: The Counoise was aged in neutral oak and the Syrah was aged in French, Eastern European and American oak for 13 months.

Description: This blend has wonderful aromas and flavors of blackberry, ripe cherry, toasted spice and hints of caramel, with big, yet balanced, tannins and a long, smooth 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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