



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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## 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON LIVERMORE VALLEY

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### HARVEST NOTES

Despite the absence of rain at harvest and yet another year of drought conditions during the heart of the growing season, the 2015 vintage will be characterized by an hour's worth of hard rain in May that badly damaged blooming flowers on the vine and devastated yields across the State. Early ripening varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc were spared the greatest losses — the most heavily affected were the red Bordeaux varieties —and overall Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard produced only 69% of average. When yields are down, quality tends to rise, and 2015 was no exception. The quality of all of the Cabernet family of grapes was uniformly excellent, and we achieved desired ripeness at relatively low sugar levels. Grenache, Sauvignon Blanc, and Semillon also reached beautiful levels of maturity in the vineyard and have contributed to beautiful wines.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon – Livermore Valley was made from fruit harvested from our favored vineyards located along the seven-mile axis in the heart of the Livermore Valley: Ghielmetti Estate, Home Ranch, Lencioni, and Smith Ranch vineyards. Fermented in 1.7 ton open-top fermenters, the wine was aged in 60% new French oak barrels for 24 months. The final blend includes 4.5% Petit Verdot and 4.5% Merlot from Ghielmetti Vineyard.

### TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon features the signature herbal, cassis, and spice aromas typical of the Cab-based wines we make from our home appellation. The fruit characteristics of Cabernet Sauvignon grown in the Livermore Valley are very specific to this area, and they offer the foundation for delicious, long-lived wines. Highlighted by a depth of dark, rich fruit that extends from the nose through the mid-palate, this wine finely balances the subtle organoleptic and structural elements gained from the finest French oak barrels to create a long, seamless, elegant wine. With great entry acid and a dramatic mid-palate-to-finish momentum, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon – Livermore Valley showcases a vision for Cabernet Sauvignon that is in keeping with the world-class potential of the Livermore Valley.

### VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, Home Ranch, Lencioni, and Smith Ranch vineyards lie along a 7-mile axis from east to west in the heart of the Livermore Valley growing district. The sites are located 600-1000' above sea level.

### HARVEST DATA

September 12 – October 9, 2015 | pH 3.60 | TA 0.60 | Alcohol 14.3%

### FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, individual fermenters inoculated with D254, D21, and D-80 yeast strains. Extended maceration of 14 days followed primary fermentation.

### COOPERAGE

Aged for 24 months in 60% new French oak barrels. Primary cooperages were Le Grand, Taransaud, and François Frères.

### CASES PRODUCED

520 cases

### RELEASE DATE

March 1, 2019