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WENTE
VINEYARDS

Southern Hills

ESTATE GROWN
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
LIVERMORE VALLEY · SAN FRANCISCO BAY
2012

“With fruit sourced from our estate vineyards, our Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon is expressive of the Livermore Valley. The fruit comes from the valley floor and southern hills of Livermore Valley with its gravelly alluvial fans. Our soil and climate help to give us a Cabernet that is rich in flavor with an appealing structure.”

- Karl D. Wente, Fifth Generation Winemaker

VINEYARD

Since 1883, five generations of our family have handcrafted fine wines that express the very best of our vineyards and winemaking expertise. Our Estate Grown Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon is named for our vineyards located along the southern hills of the Livermore Valley. The Wente family farms approximately 400 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards using the two clones originating from California wine pioneer Charles Wetmore’s Bordeaux cuttings in the 19th century. With Livermore Valley’s unique East-West orientation, well-drained rocky soils, and unique mesoclimates, the Southern Hills vineyards are located in the most desirable settings with exposures ideal for growing Cabernet Sauvignon of distinct character, depth and intensity.

WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION The various components were fermented separately in upright stainless steel tanks where it was gently pumped over twice daily, increasing the extraction of aromas and textures.

AGING 14 months in American, French, Eastern European neutral oak barrels and stainless steel tanks. Stainless steel helps to add fruit vibrancy to our Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTES

Flavors of ripe black cherry and dark plum with undertones of coffee and spice. Rich, yet approachable tannins lead to a long, smooth finish.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
76% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Petite Sirah, 6% Petit Verdot,
5% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL 13.5%
pH 3.60
TA 0.60g/100ml

HARVEST DATE(S) 10/13-10/31
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