



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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## 2016 “WE ARE ONE — ONE LOVE” PETITE SIRAH LIVERMORE VALLEY

### HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 vintage started life, for the first time in several years, with significant winter rainfall (Livermore saw rainfall in January 2016 exceed that of January 2015 by 243%). Helping to recharge aquifers and wells, rainfall was also helpful in leaching out some of the dissolved solids that had accumulated during the drought. Budbreak and Bloom occurred in temperate weather, and the season continued in a fairly typical Livermore Valley fashion: dry and warm through to harvest. The trend of significantly earlier harvests stopped in 2016 as we picked our first fruit one day later than the previous year. 2016 was a uniformly excellent year for fruit quality and yield. I believe this vintage will rival 2014 in excellence.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The Collector's Circle features wines made from cultivars that are largely of Italian and Rhone origin. These wines are meant to be wines of distinction that are made to pair with food and be ready to drink younger than our Bordeaux-variety based wines. Started in 2003, the Collector's Circle has built a passionate audience for these small-lot wines usually made from fruit grown on our two estate vineyards Home Ranch and Ghielmetti. We are One — One Love is a 100% offering of Petite Sirah from the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard.

### TASTING NOTES

Unlike 2015 which was one of the tougher of recent vintages to get fully ripe, the 2016 Petite Sirah, is a wine of wonderfully hedonistic body and flavor. Never veering over the edge of appropriate restraint, this wine is typified by very dark berry aromas and flavors, and a wonderful sense of mature and polished tannins from entry to finish. This wine is saturated with great color, enticing the eye before it beguiles your other senses. A delicious mouthful now, this wine will age beautifully for 5-10 years; rich, slow-cooked dishes will serve this wine beautifully.

### VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

100% Petite Sirah from Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, block 12.

### HARVEST DATA

October 2016 | pH 3.61 | TA 0.60 | Alcohol 14.3%

### FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, primary fermentation and extended maceration lasted for more than two weeks.

### COOPERAGE

Aged for 18 months in mostly used French oak barrels.

### CASES PRODUCED

139 cases

### RELEASE DATE

November 3, 2018

### ARTIST

“We are One – One Love” was created by a child in Ghana. His name is Shadrack Amador. The Happy Kids Foundation is a charity to which we gladly donate time and money; the foundation helps to educate and protect vulnerable children in Ghana so that they can live independent, fruitful lives. A portion of the funds from the sale of this wine will be donated to Happy Kids!

