



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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## 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON LIVERMORE VALLEY

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### HARVEST NOTES

2014 was one of the earliest harvests the Livermore Valley has on record. We harvested our first fruit 18 days earlier this year than in the previous vintage, and our last day of harvest was two weeks earlier than 2013. The same conditions – even temperatures and an almost complete lack of rainfall – that were found the in 2013 were seen in 2014, as well. Challenging water quality persisted as some blocks on our estate vineyards exhibited the tell-tale signs of pH imbalance (in burned leaves and less than ideal ripening). Overall, the quality of fruit we received at the Winery was uniformly high, and our most important blocks – though not quite as fine as the historically great 2013 – was as good any other vintage in the past 10 years.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2014 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, Tarantino, and Smith Ranch vineyards. Fermented in 1.7 ton open-top fermenters, the wine was aged in 60% new French oak barrels for 22 months. The final blend includes 5% Petit Verdot 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, this 2014 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, Tarantino, and Smith Ranch vineyards lie along a 14-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, 2014 | pH 3.60 | TA 0.60 | Alcohol 14.2%

### 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 22 months in 60% new French oak barrels. Primary cooperages were Le Grand, Taransaud, and François Frères.

### CASES PRODUCED

557 cases

### RELEASE DATE

December 9, 2017