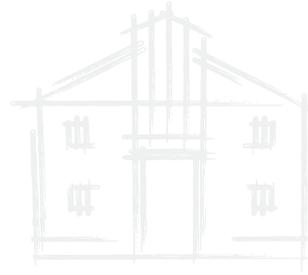


# MURRIETA'S WELL

ESTATE VINEYARD



## *The Spur* RED WINE BLEND LIVERMORE VALLEY

### VINEYARD

All grape varieties in this wine are exclusively sourced from our estate vineyard in the Livermore Valley. All of the Bordeaux varieties were grown in the Sachau vineyard located directly behind our historic tasting room. Elevation on this vineyard ranges from 615-845 feet and the soils consist of mainly very gravelly, coarse sandy loam – ideal for these varieties. The Cabernet Sauvignon was also grown in our Louis Mel vineyard. A distinct feature on the Louis Mel vineyard is an ancient riverbed that runs through it. The Petite Sirah is grown on the Hayes vineyard, which has the widest elevation range (560-860 feet) on our entire estate. It features an array of soil types, aspects and slopes, which makes it ideal for growing a range of grape varieties. We farm all of our vineyards block by block to ensure optimal flavor and fruit expression.

Cabernet Sauvignon: Sachau & Louis Mel | Petite Sirah: Louis Mel | Merlot: Sachau | Petite Verdot: Sachau | Cabernet Franc: Sachau

### WINEMAKING

**FERMENTATION** | All the varietals in this wine's composition were fermented individually in stainless steel and pumped over several times daily to maintain the full fruit expression of the vineyard and build deeper texture.

**AGING** | The varietals were blended and then aged together for 24 months in 50% new, 25% second use, and 25% third use French oak.

### HARVEST

Harvest of The Spur varieties began in October 2015 with our Petite Sirah and ended with Cabernet Sauvignon that same month. The 2015 vintage continues as part of several vintages in a row of drought seasons. Viticulturally, we received acceptable rains and supplemented available ground water with drip irrigation. The combination of less water and warmer weather brought us earlier ripening and harvest dates. This is a good thing viticulturally and we have been seeing very expressive, concentrated wines as a result.

### ROBBIE'S TASTING NOTES

The Spur 2015 is crafted from a Cabernet Sauvignon foundation, but also includes Petite Sirah, which brings a distinctively Livermore Valley expression to the wine. Each varietal is farmed, harvested, and handcrafted individually to achieve their greatest expression. This vintage features aromas of ripe blueberry and blackberry, dried cherry, sweet vanilla spice, all-spice and clove. Highlighted by a smooth and rich mouthfeel, this wine is wonderfully in balance with intriguing finesse and complexity. Enjoy through 2023.

2015

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Petite Sirah,  
18% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot,  
6% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

PH | 3.52

TA | 0.66

BARRELS PRODUCED | 309

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