



Southern Hills

ESTATE GROWN
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
LIVERMORE VALLEY · SAN FRANCISCO BAY
2016

"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

V I N E Y A R D

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.

W I N E M A K I N G

FERMENTATION The various components were fermented separately in upright stainless steel tanks and gently pumped over twice daily. This process of aeration helps to increase the extraction of the aromas and textures within the grape.

AGING This wine was aged for 16 months in French, Eastern European, and neutral oak barrels as well as stainless steel tanks. Aging in stainless steel helps preserve fruit vibrancy in the wine.

T A S T I N G N O T E S

Our 2016 Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon has welcoming aromatics of dark fruit such as dark cherry, plum and blackberry. The aging of oak barrels imparts the touch of vanilla and cedar to round out this medium-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

77% Cabernet Sauvignon,
13% Petite Sirah, 4% Merlot,
3% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

ALCOHOL 13.5%

pH 3.68
TA 0.64g/100ml

HARVEST DATE(S) 9/25-10/10

BRIX AT HARVEST 24.7
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