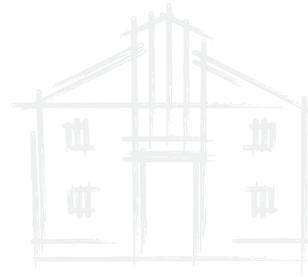


# MURRIETA'S WELL

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: Louis Mel & Sachau | Merlot: Sachau | Petite Sirah: Hayes | Petit Verdot: Sachau | Cabernet Franc: Sachau | Malbec: Sachau

### WINEMAKING

**FERMENTATION** | All the varietals in this wine's composition were fermented individually at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks and pumped over three times daily to maintain the full fruit expression of the vineyard.

**AGING** | The blend was made shortly after harvest and aged for 24 months in 40% new, 40% second use, and 20% third use French oak.

### HARVEST

All of the varieties in this wine were harvested in October 2016. The 2016 vintage had a bit more available ground water than the past few vintages in the Livermore Valley thanks to moderate rains in the winter. We saw nice growth in the canopies that provided excellent fruit development and the warm growing season provided the perfect conditions to achieve optimal fruit expression.

### ROBBIE'S TASTING NOTES

The Spur 2016 is crafted from blending the classic Bordeaux varietals with Petite Sirah, which offers a distinctively California expression. Each varietal is farmed, harvested, and handcrafted individually to achieve their greatest expression. This vintage provided aromas and flavors of vanilla, spiced cranberry, and clove with the perfect balance of graham cracker and plum on the palate followed by assertive tannins and a lasting, elegant mouthfeel. Enjoy through 2024.

2016

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot,  
22% Petite Sirah, 9% Petit Verdot,  
4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

PH | 3.53

TA | 0.62

BARRELS PRODUCED | 413

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