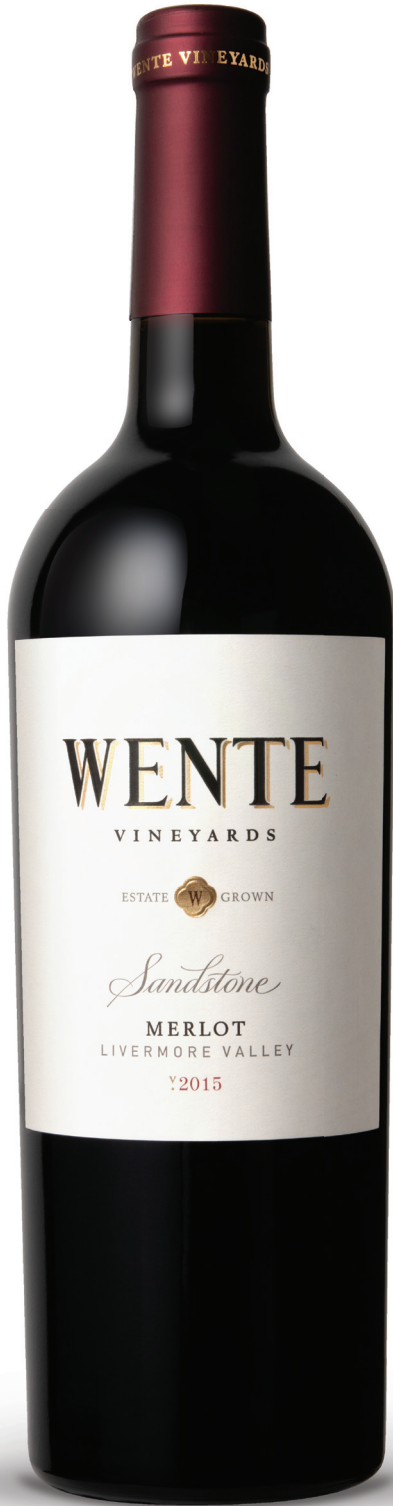


# WENTE

VINEYARDS



*Sandstone*

MERLOT  
LIVERMORE VALLEY

2015

ESTATE  GROWN

## VINEYARD

Our Estate Grown Sandstone Merlot comes from a gently sloping formation of hills running along the southeastern corner of the historic Livermore Valley. With warm days, cool nights, well-drained sandstone soils, and incoming breezes from the San Francisco Bay, the Wente family's hillside vineyard is an ideal place to grow outstanding Merlot and Bordeaux varieties.

## WINEMAKING

### FERMENTATION

Varietals were fermented separately in upright stainless steel fermenters and pumped over 2-3 times daily.

Wine was pressed on the skins after 7-12 days.

### AGING

Aged for 24 months in French, Eastern European and neutral oak barrels.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Roasted tomatoes, braised short ribs and meatloaf.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 Sandstone Merlot has delicate aromatics from dark cherry, ripe raspberry to cocoa powder. This Merlot is refined and well-balanced with medium to subtle tannins, finishing with a bright acidity.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	ALCOHOL 13.5%	HARVEST DATE(S) 9/20-10/12
85% Merlot	PH 3.52	BRIX AT HARVEST 24.3
8% Petite Sirah	TA 0.61g/100ml	RELEASE DATE: February 2018
4% Petit Verdot		
3% Cabernet Sauvignon		

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