

# WENTE

VINEYARDS

*Southern Hills*

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON LIVERMORE VALLEY

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### VINEYARD

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.

### WINEMAKING

#### FERMENTATION

Varietals were fermented separately in upright stainless steel fermenters and pumped over twice daily.

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

#### AGING

Aged for 16 months in a combination of French, Eastern European, and neutral oak barrels as well as stainless steel tanks.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

BBQ ribs, cheese board and bruschetta.

### TASTING NOTES

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

4% 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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