

# MURRIETA'S WELL

ESTATE VINEYARD

## *The Spur* RED WINE BLEND LIVERMORE VALLEY



Murrieta's Well is a Certified California Sustainable Vineyard and winery. Less than 2% of all California wineries have received this certification.

### 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 |

### 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 varieties were picked in October 2017. The high rainfall in early 2017 flushed the soils allowing the vines to uptake more nutrients. The fruit set was average and the season was starting to look like it might be an early one. A heat spike hit and slowed down the grape's development. After a few days, the grapes began to ripen again and the vintage finished on-time, yielding expressive wines.

### ROBBIE'S TASTING NOTES

The Spur 2017 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 prior to assembling the final blend. The 2017 vintage provides an aromatic profile of spiced cranberry, blueberry and clove with complementary notes of graham cracker and ripe blackberry. The dark fruit aromas carry through to the palate which is framed by fine tannins, and a rich, lasting, and elegant mouthfeel. Enjoy through 2025.

2017

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petite Sirah, 13% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

PH | 3.66

TA | 0.67

BARRELS PRODUCED | 390

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