



The Steven Kent Winery Single Vineyard Selection classification marks the highest quality possible in a given vintage. We taste all of our lots many times during the aging process and only those wines that display the greatest degree of varietal complexity and ageability, and excellence will be considered for this rare designation. • Necessarily

small, the Single Vineyard Selection lot is available only at the Winery. From the 2002 vintage, three wines were considered for the SVS label, only one—2002 Smith Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon—was deemed worthy. The other two wines, nearly as good as the Smith Ranch, were designated under the next highest quality demarcation—Barrel Room Selection. • The Smith Ranch vineyard is a 14-acre parcel planted to clone 7 Cabernet on the Vertical Shoot Position trellis system. Running east-west down slope, this block of Cabernet gains the full measure of the ripening effect of the Livermore Valley sun and the slightly rocky soil that reflects that sun. Planted in 1996, the quality of fruit from this site will only improve as the vineyard self-balances and matures. • The 2002 vintage will be marked as one that produced wines that were more fruit-centric and less tannic than those wines from the 2001 vintage. While this is true with the Smith Ranch Cabernet, the wine is nearly as profound as the Folkendt or Home Ranch wines from the 2001 vintage. In the nose, many layers of aromatics (top notes of dense blackberry and raspberry, licorice and toasty oak; base notes of pencil shavings, flint, and newly-turned earth) offer immense complexity. • On entry, the wine displays the same ripe fruit one senses in the nose, but it is cloaked somewhat by the wine's viscous nature. As that fruit begins to show itself, one also gets great draughts of cocoa and spice. On the palate, the wine displays great finesse even in the face of the density of fruit and glycerin. On the finish, fine-grained tannins assert themselves and promise extended ageability. • Only 1,020 750ml bottles and 60 1.5-liter bottles were produced in this vintage.

2002 SMITH RANCH VINEYARD

Wine	100% Cabernet
Alcohol	14.7%
pH	3.67
TA60
Clone	7, Cabernet
Bottles Produced	1,080