

THE  
STEVEN KENT

WINERY

2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
*Home Ranch Vineyard • Livermore Valley*

The Steven Kent Winery is Cabernet. Each harvest season we work with a number of small, immaculately farmed Cabernet vineyards that have displayed the ability to produce fruit of the highest possible quality and distinctiveness. These vineyard sites represent the best that the Livermore Valley has to offer. • After harvest, fermentation, and barreling down of the wines, we taste all of Cabernet lots individually and often (we always vinify vineyard sites and within the vineyard sites-different clones of Cabernet-separately) to determine which lots have the possibility of being represented as a vineyard designate and which work best as part of a larger blend. • The amount of change wines go through during the aging process is substantial. A sure fire winner early, won't make the cut 18 months later. • The converse happens on occasion also. Our single goal is to produce profound wines of great quality and individuality. Each vineyard designate will only be released if it is appreciably more individualistic and of higher quality than a larger blend. We believe that our members and guests have come to expect this from the Steven Kent Winery, and we expect it from ourselves, too. • Our Home Ranch Vineyard produces the most singular and instantly recognizable Cabernet fruit we have worked with in the Livermore Valley. Put 20 Cabernet samples on a table and the Home Ranch, in its best years, stands solidly apart from the rest. From a vineyard planted in 1996 to clone 7 Cabernet, the key difference is its intense mintiness cloaked in black cherry. The 2003 vintage has this intensity of aroma in spades. • In addition to this very pleasing aromatic matrix, the *2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Home Ranch, Livermore Valley* has a wonderfully viscous mouthfeel and solid, fine-grained tannins. Aged for about two years in a combination of French, American, and Hungarian oak (about 85% of which was new), this wine is showing great integration of fruit, wood, and tannin already. The sense of balance will only grow as the wine ages longer in bottle. • As with all of our red wines, this Cabernet was bottled without filtration or fining. Fewer than 350 cases were produced in this vintage. The 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Home Ranch is the only Cabernet we produced from this vintage of great enough quality to be bottled separately and to receive our highest designation, Single Vineyard Series. We hope you enjoy it.

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| Alcohol.....         | 14.1%        |
| pH.....              | 3.67         |
| Total Acid .....     | 0.62 g/100ml |
| Residual Sugar ..... | Dry          |
| Release Date.....    | Sept. 2006   |
| Cases.....           | 344          |