

THE
STEVEN KENT
WINERY

2006 Cabernet Franc –Ghielmetti Vineyard, Livermore Valley

The Site - The Ghielmetti Vineyard encompasses 64.86 acres of vines and is located 3.4 miles east of our Tesla Road Barrel Room. Planted to 11 different grapes on 20 distinct blocks, this topographically varied vineyard has become one of the finest sites in the Livermore Valley for Bordeaux varietals. Indeed, of 64.86 acres, the 38.33 planted to the classic grapes reveal both our commitment to these varietals and our sense of the potential quality of the vineyard. A mixture of soils ranging from fine sandy loam at the western edge of the site to clay intrusions uphill to the east have been matched to the specific characteristics of each clone, maximizing the potential for world class quality.

The Block - Block 4 is the home to Cabernet Franc, Clone 332. This block, which contains 34 rows and 4,678 vines, is the first of two blocks of Cabernet Franc planted on Ghielmetti Vineyard. The second is a smaller block grafted over from Cabernet Sauvignon in 2006. Block 4 is composed of two soil types: Positas gravelly loam, and Perkins loam. Running gently downhill toward Tesla Road, Block 4 sits at an elevation of approximately 500' above sea level. Other details:

- Size: 3.73 acres
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Spacing: 7' x 5'
- Vines: 1,254/acre
- Orientation: N to S
- Yield: 2.5 tons/acre

The Barrel - The following barrel was chosen for this Small Lot Offering:

Barrel Designation 06-147

Cooper : Mendocino
Country : America
Forest : Ozarks
Toast Level : Medium
Barrel Heads: Toasted
Staves: 36-month air dried

The Wine- This wine is a stunning example of the variety: not as tannic as Cabernet Sauvignon, but with more finesse and an aromatic palette that emphasizes the exotic notes of sandalwood (or the morning wood after a fire on the beach) and semi-sweet chocolate-wrapped grapes. This offering is tightly wound now...the tannins from the mid-palate to the finish are a bit obvious...but underneath the dominant structure is a universe of amazing flavors and aromas...caramel, chocolate, ripe fruit, and brown spices. These components will express themselves more completely with bottle age. Only 20 cases of this spectacular wine were produced. Drink from 2010 – 2015. Price: \$60.