

THE  
STEVEN KENT  
WINERY

*“Doddle”*

2007 GRENACHE, LIVERMORE VALLEY

*Doddle* is the 2007 vintage of Grenache produced from fruit grown in the Livermore Valley. This release marks our second vintage of this variety made famous in the Rhône and Spain. With the introduction of Grenache, the Rhône/Italian orientation of the Collector’s Circle offerings is now complete.

Grenache has found a home all over the world: Garnacha in Spain where it is an important component of the Ribera del Duero wines, Grenache in both France (one of the most important of the 13 Chateaufort de Pape varieties) and Australia where it is often paired with Mourvedre and Syrah to make the wonderful GSM wines.

*Doddle* runs the course between the New and Old world styles of wine. While there is a ripeness and richness one would expect from newer growing areas, there is also a sense of structure and elegance I associate with the wines of Europe. *Doddle* is 83% Grenache and 17% Syrah, blending partners the world over. When newly opened the aromas of wild strawberry and black plum are nearly rampant. Their richness, practically jammy, persists until the wine gets air. With time, the explosiveness of those aromas recedes and what takes their place is fruit and white pepper and roasted game (both Syrah components) and barrel spice...wonderful complexity.

In the mouth, the flavors mirror the myriad scents, and (to my liking, at least) the tannic austerity of the wine both underscores the fruit and throws a lasso around it so that, in the end, there is a sense of completeness...pure fruit, aromatic contribution from barrel, and the tannin—an entry, a mid-palate, and a finish. This wine is very young, to which the abundant tannins will attest. Lay it down for a year before drinking then consume from 2010 – 2014. Only 177 cases were made exclusively for members of the Collector’s Circle.

**HISTORY**

The Marina Vineyard was planted predominantly to Rhône varieties about 10 years ago. The site is located on Marina Road about 2.8 south and west of the Winery. Ghielmetti Vineyard is our estate vineyard located 3.4 miles east of us on the corner of Reuss and Tesla Roads in Livermore. Planted to 11 different grapes, the Syrah in this wine came from block 14.

**VINTAGE**

**Harvest Date:** October 8, 2007

**Fruit:** 83% Grenache from a vineyard on Marina Ave., Livermore; 17% Syrah from Ghielmetti Vineyard, Block 14. 26.0° at harvest. Alc. 15.2%

**Fermentation:** After destemming and crushing, fruit was fermented in stainless steel tanks and ¾ ton open-topped fermenters. The wine was pressed off after about 10 days.

**Aging:** 8 barrels: 75% new French and American oak.

**Time in Barrel:** 16 months

**Release Date:** May 16, 2009

**ARTWORK**

*“Doddle”* is artwork created by Kadie DeFina when she was 8 years old and a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Sunset Elementary. Kadie loves to paint and is currently taking art classes in Livermore. The original painting was created with acrylic paint on canvas. Kadie says, “Doddle represents being a kid, having fun and doing what you want to.”