



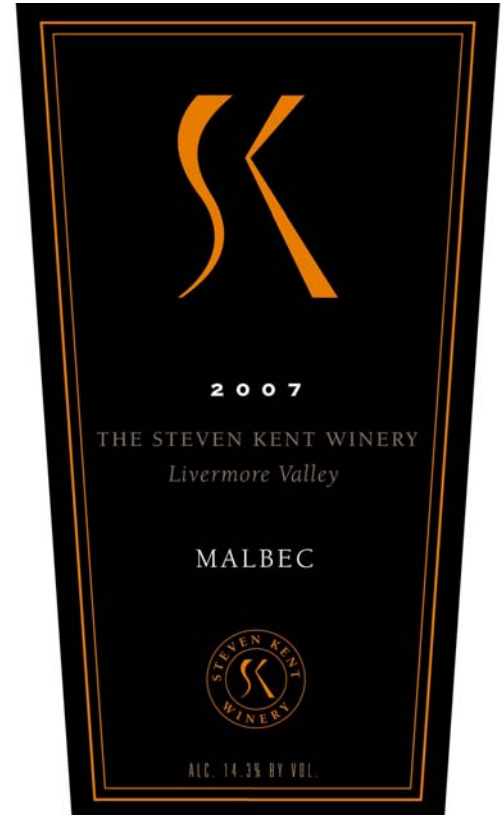
THE
STEVEN KENT
WINERY

2007 MALBEC
GHIELMETTI VINEYARD, LIVERMORE VALLEY

2007 marks the first release of the fifth classic Bordeaux variety we have planted on our estate site — the Ghielmetti Vineyard. A resident first of Bordeaux, it's the Argentineans who have really made a name for themselves with this racy, incredibly interesting variety. The Malbec on Ghielmetti Vineyard, Block 13 was grafted over from Syrah in 2006 and will figure prominently in our Small Lot Offering series as well as in the Future Release Program wine club. This inaugural release is a blend of 87.5% Malbec and 12.5% Cabernet Franc.

There is an exoticism to all aspects of Malbec. From a nose that has subtly *sauvage* qualities of dark plum, leather, and dried black cherry to a mouthfeel that is wonderfully rich on entry through mid-palate but that then takes a decidedly tannic turn on the finish, the wine is definitely its own animal. Somewhat similar to Petite Verdot, only our best barrels make a complete wine without blending partners. And what Malbec offers to Cabernet Sauvignon is another layer of complexity of fruit aromatics, very dark garnet color and rounder tannins than Cabernet.

In this wine, which was made exclusively for members of our Future Release Program members, the Cabernet Franc adds layers of complementary herbaceousness, acidity and aromatic complexity. This wine is very young and will age beautifully for 5-10 years. Think big meat dishes and rich pasta sauces as accompaniments to the 2007 Malbec. Only 192 cases of this wine were produced.



VINTAGE

- Harvest Date:** November 6, 2007
- Fruit:** 87.5% Malbec and 12.5% Cabernet Franc from the Ghielmetti Vineyard in the Livermore Valley. Alcohol 14.3%
- Fermentation:** After destemming and crushing the fruit was fermented separately in ¾ ton open-topped fermenters. Fermentation and maceration lasted about two weeks. Malo-lactic fermentation was induced in barrel.
- Aging:** This wine was aged in 75% new oak, mostly French and American.
- Time in Barrel:** 24 months
- Release Date:** February 6, 2010

VINEYARD

- Location:** Ghielmetti Vineyard located in the eastern end of the Livermore Valley, 3.2 miles east of the Winery; n37° 39' 40.2" Latitude and w121° 39' 48.5" Longitude, 899 feet above sea level.
- Soil:** Predominantly sandy loam.
- Training:** All vineyards use the Vertical Shoot Position (VSP) trellising method.