

THE
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WINERY

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2006 Cabernet Sauvignon – Ghielmetti Vineyard, Clone 30

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 Cabernet Sauvignon. Indeed, of 64.86 acres, the 18.07 planted to five different clones of Cabernet reveal both our commitment to the varietal 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 5B is the home to Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 30. This block is the most northerly of the eight blocks in the only section of the vineyard planted west of the arroyo. Here, in this section of the vineyard, the soil is mostly fine-grained loam with some clay. This block runs gently downhill toward Tesla Road at an elevation of approximately 500' above sea level. Other details:

- Size: 3.77 acres
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Spacing: 7' x 5'
- Vines: 4741
- Orientation: N to S
- Yield: 1.2 tons/acre

The Clone - A vine clone is a specimen of plant material chosen for specific characteristics. Over the course of time, a vine may show desirable characteristics that the grower wants to propagate to other vineyard sites. The cuttings from this vine have the identical genetic makeup of the “mother” vine and can, depending upon the new sites, display many of the desired traits. Clone 4 is also called the *Mendoza* clone as it was brought to America from the city of Mendoza in Argentina. The clone is known for its moderate production level (4-5 tons/acre), dark color levels, and spiciness of aromatics. Of the ten or so major Cabernet clones, Clone 4 is in the middle range in terms of its bunch size, and the number of bunches per vine. On the Ghielmetti Vineyard site, this clone show distinctly elongated bunch shape, and an open cluster morphology compared to the other clones here.

The Barrels - Only four barrels were found to offer the world-class quality characteristics we wanted for this wine. They are:

- Francois Freres, French oak, Allier forest, Medium+ toast, toasted heads (2)
- Damy, French oak, Allier forest, Medium+ toast, toasted heads

The Wine- This is a wine whose greatest distinction comes from its aromatic complexity. While showing the classic aromatic mix of cassis, cigar box, semi-sweet-chocolate that define great Cabernet, the Cabernet Sauvignon- Ghielmetti Vineyard, Clone 30 also has a power and grace emblematic of the Livermore Valley. In the mouth, Clone 30 has great silky heft and an array of flavors that fan out over a broad mid-palate. This wine shows firm, substantial tannin and a structuring acidity on the finish, and has the capability to age effortlessly for the next 10-15 years.