

GHIELMETTI VINEYARD  CLONE THIRTY

PREMIER CABERNET COLLECTION

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 a North-South oriented block comprising 3.77 acres. Planted on a spacing grid of 7 feet between rows and 6 feet between vines, the block contains 70 rows and 4,741 vines. The Ghielmetti Vineyard contains six distinct soil types; Block 5B is a mix of Perkins Loam (which moves from loam at 10 inches of depth to very gravelly clay loam at 65 inches of depth) and Positas Gravelly Loam (gravelly loam up to 25 inches deep to gravelly sandy clay loam up to 60 inches deep). Together these two soils make up roughly 27% of Ghielmetti Vineyard. This vineyard block is pruned specifically for world-class quality fruit; only 1 bunch per cane significantly lowers the yields, helping to maximize ripeness and flavor.

OTHER DETAILS:

- Size: 3.77 acres
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Spacing: 7' x 6'
- Vines: 1258/acre
- Orientation: North-South
- Yield: 3 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 30, or the See clone, makes its way from the Napa Valley where cuttings were taken from the vineyard of Harry See (a scion of the famous chocolate company). Noted for its relatively loose cluster morphology and smaller berry size, this clone of Cabernet has consistently proven to be one of the finest growing on the Ghielmetti Vineyard.

THE BARRELS

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

	BARREL DES 06-999	BARREL DES 07-286	BARREL DES 07-225	BARREL DES 07-227
COOPER:	Damy	François Frères	Demptos	Demptos
COUNTRY:	France	France	Hungary	United States
FOREST:	Allier	Nevers		
TOAST LEVEL:	Medium+	Medium+	Medium+	Medium+
BARREL HEADS:	Toasted	Toasted	Toasted	Toasted

THE WINE

Replete with the aromas of sweet oak, black cherry, tar, graphite, and cassis the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon – Ghielmetti Vineyard, Clone 30 is the second of two Premier Cabernet Collection releases in 2010. Marrying elegance with significant tannin this release, in which only four barrels were accorded the highest-quality Cabernet Classification, reveals a broad, open wine with great aging potential. On entry, the wine unfolds its dark cherry and cassis-fruit elements that lead to a mid-palate circumscribing that fruit with fine-grained tannins and great acidity. With three hours of decanting, this elegant Cabernet shows its pedigree and aging potential as the tannins become significantly more pronounced and focused. Less opulent but more age-worthy than the Cabernet Sauvignon – Ghielmetti Vineyard, Clone 4, this offering will be at its peak from 2014-2022. Fewer than 250 three-packs were produced in this vintage.

