



THE  
**STEVEN KENT**  
WINERY

**2005 “Armature”**  
**RED BLEND • CALIFORNIA**

The final Future Release Program wine of 2007 is a blend of Syrah from the Ghielmetti Vineyard in the Livermore Valley and Petite Sirah from the Heart Arrow Ranch in Mendocino. This California-appellation wine—Armature—is the product of the finest hand-chosen barrels from two separate lots of wine.

As a sculptural reference, an armature is the structure upon which the finishing material is placed. It serves as a foundation for the piece, giving it its shape. In this wine, Petite Sirah, 40% of the blend, provides the shape-giving component. If one were only to smell Armature, Syrah would be so dominant as to seem unadulterated. The notes of ripe berry, white pepper, and roasted game explode from the glass. In the mouth, though, the wonderfully big and tannic Petite Sirah pokes its bones through the flesh of Syrah and makes that fruit even more inviting for the constraints put upon it.

This wine was made exclusively for members of the Future Release Program. Only 363 cases were produced.



**VINTAGE**

**Harvest Date:** October 2005

**Fruit:** Syrah from the Ghielmetti Vineyard, Livermore Valley; Petite Sirah from the Heart Arrow Ranch in Mendocino County. Alcohol 14.6%.

**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 predominantly new American oak barrels. A smaller percentage of Hungarian and French barrels were used.

**Time in Barrel:** 18 months

**Release Date:** December 8, 2007

**VINEYARD**

**Location:** The Ghielmetti Vineyard is located 3.4 miles east of the Winery. Heart Arrow Ranch is 139 miles north of the Winery.