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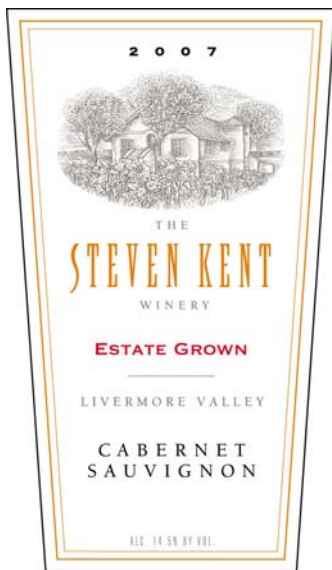
95 Steven Kent 2007 Ghilmetti Vineyard Clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley

There's a beautiful wine in here, but it's buried under tannins. Also, the fruit is all primary blackberry, blueberry, raspberry and cherry jam, while the oak stands to the side, insistent in vanilla and toast. Nothing has merged, everything is separated. Yet this is a great wine, easily the greatest Cabernet to emerge from Livermore Valley in memory. Beautiful now, and should develop for a decade.

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93 Steven Kent 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, Ghilmetti Vineyard, Livermore Valley

Give this Cabernet some time in the cellar. Right now, it's a little tough in acids and tannins, although the blackberry, cherry, black currant and smoky oak flavors are rich and fine and enjoyable now. But it should soften and be even more approachable after 2013. *Cellar Selection.*



93 Steven Kent 2007 Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley

This is a beautiful, intricate and appealing Cabernet to drink with upscale fare, like a very fine steak. It's bone dry, but very rich and sweet in blackberry, cherry and currant fruit, and there's a nice cut of acidity for balance. Steven Kent is producing today's greatest Livermore Cabernets, wines that hearken back to the valley's roots as one of California's best wine regions. Drink now - 2013.



92 Steven Kent 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, Home Ranch Vineyard, Livermore Valley

A beautiful, complex and upscale Cabernet to drink now, after a good decant. It's bone dry and a little soft, with intricately layered blackberry, black currant and oak flavors. Feels lush and important in the mouth, and the spicy finish lasts for a long time.



91 Steven Kent 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, Smith Ranch Vineyard, Livermore Valley

This is a lovely wine to drink now. It's so dry and elegantly constructed, with wonderfully ripe tannins and great integration of oak with the fruit. There's a nice balance of acidity to balance the blackberry, cherry and cola flavors. Drink now, with a brief decant.