



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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## 2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES GHIEMMETTI VINEYARD | LIVERMORE VALLEY

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### HARVEST NOTES

The Livermore Valley, like many other Bordeaux-variety producing appellations in California, experienced temperatures well below normal throughout the growing season. While a cold and wet winter did not interfere with the typical timing of budbreak and bloom, significant rainfall in March and June presaged precipitation in October that was 30% above normal. 2011 extended a streak begun in 2009 of temperatures several degrees below average during the height of the growing season (July and August).

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The Cabernet Sauvignon Single Vineyard Series is a limited offering of wines that showcase the individual characteristics of a very specific piece of Livermore Valley Cabernet ground. The Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, located in the eastern foothills of the historic Livermore Valley appellation is our second estate vineyard. Planted in 2000-2002 to five different clones of Cabernet, this vineyard, which sits at 650-1000 feet above sea level, is typified by great breadth and depth of flavor and an elegance of structure. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, from clone 30, this wine was aged in 100% new French oak barrels for about 24 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Given the wet and cool nature of the harvest (as well as the majority of the season) of Cabernet Sauvignon in 2011, the energy and vitality of this wine in the mouth is both appropriate and easily understood. Showing rich aromas of dark berry, cassis, and subtle barrel spice, the 2011 offering shows a wine that – in its youth – is tightly wound with significant entry to finishing tannin and showy oak. Underlying these structuring elements, however, is a deep core of dark fruit, borne to a long finish on a focused beam of acidity. My expectation is that this wine will continue to fill out in the mouth as it softens over the next 5-10 years. Stored properly this lovely wine should evolve gracefully over 10-15 years. As with all of our Cabernet offerings, this wine showcases a vision for Cabernet Sauvignon that is in keeping with the world-class potential of the Livermore Valley.

### VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

100% Cabernet Sauvignon: Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard which sits on the eastern end of the 7-mile axis of world-class quality cutting through the heart of Livermore Valley wine country. Clone 30, our preferred block from this site, was used exclusively.

### HARVEST DATA

November 4, 2011 | pH 3.58 | TA 0.65 | Alcohol 13.9%

### FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, individual fermenters inoculated with the D254 and D-21 yeast strains. Extended maceration of 14 days followed primary fermentation.

### COOPERAGE

Aged for 24 months in 100% new French oak barrels (Taransaud and Le Grand).

### CASES PRODUCED

140 six-packs

### RELEASE DATE

August 28, 2014