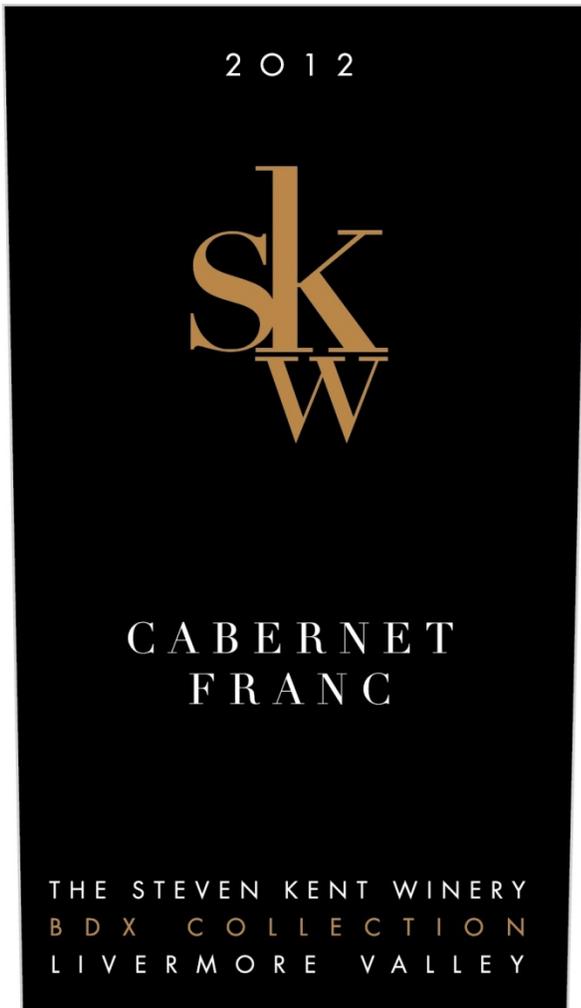




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BDX COLLECTION 2012 CABERNET FRANC | LIVERMORE VALLEY



HARVEST NOTES

2012 put to end a string of three vintages of below-average temperatures in the Livermore Valley. The harvest months of September – November saw mild temperatures, and outside of about .4" of rain spread out over the middle two weeks of October, fruit came in under near-perfect conditions. Our last day of harvest was November 8th, two days ahead of the previous year.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2012 Cabernet Franc was made exclusively from fruit harvested from Block 4 at the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard in the eastern foothills of the Livermore Valley. Fermented in 1.7 ton open-top fermenters, the wine was aged in 40 % new French oak barrels for 18-20 months. From a larger lot, only the finest 6 barrels were deemed of great-enough quality to be designated Small Lot.

TASTING NOTES

Cabernet Franc is at its most compelling when the variety's characteristic herbal aromatic signature is allowed to express itself unfettered by obvious oak. In this offering, the judicious use of new oak serves a structuring function, underlying rich red fruit and a silky mid-palate mouthfeel. With great entry acid and a dramatic mid-palate-to-finish momentum, this wine showcases a vision for Cabernet Franc that is in keeping with the world-class potential of the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard and the Livermore Valley.

VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, Block 4 – eastern foothills Livermore Valley. Block 4 is planted to clone 332 on 101-14 rootstock. The block comprises 3.73 acres and is planted on the Positas gravelly loam soil series at an elevation of 700' above sea level.

HARVEST DATA

October 30, 2012 | pH 3.55 | TA 0.65 | Alcohol 13.6%

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, individual fermenters inoculated with D254, GRE, and D-80 yeast strains. Extended maceration of 14 days followed primary fermentation.

COOPERAGE

Aged for 20 months in 40% new French oak barrels. Primary cooperages were Le Grand, Taransaud, and François Frères.

CASES PRODUCED

219 cases

RELEASE DATE

February 7, 2015