



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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## 2014 “LOLA” WHITE WINE GHIELMETTI VINEYARD | LIVERMORE VALLEY



### HARVEST NOTES

2014 was one of the earliest harvests the Livermore Valley has on record. We harvested Sauvignon Blanc 18 days earlier this year than in the previous vintage, and our last day of harvest was two weeks earlier than 2013. The same conditions – even temperatures and an almost complete lack of rainfall – that were found in 2013 were seen in 2014, as well. Challenging water quality persisted as some blocks on our estate vineyards exhibited the tell-tale signs of pH imbalance (in burned leaves and less than ideal ripening). Overall, the quality of fruit we received at the Winery was uniformly high, and our most important blocks – though not quite as fine as the historically great 2013 – was as good as any other vintage in the past 10 years.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The history of the Livermore Valley appellation is inextricably tied to the fortunes of the two important white grapes of Bordeaux – Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. Planted here at the very beginning, the first great wines of the Valley were made from a blend of the two grapes, culminating in the Grand Prix award at the Paris Exhibition of 1889. Three blocks at the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard are planted to these two varieties and together they produce a wine of complexity, great flavor, and a sense of liveliness to seldom seen in California whites.

### TASTING NOTES

A blend of 75% Sauvignon Blanc and 25% Semillon harvested from the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, this wine looks to the Graves region of southern Bordeaux for inspiration. Lime zest, warm ginger, and the subtle perfume of white flowers dominate the nose while the silkiness of Semillon teams wonderfully with the vibrancy of the Sauvignon Blanc in the mouth to create a wine of great freshness, fruit, and length. White Bordeaux blends like Lola pair extremely well with oysters, crab, fresh fish and tangy cheeses. This is a wine to drink while young to preserve the fruit that is the hallmark of this offering.

### VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

75% Sauvignon Blanc, 25% Semillon, Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard located in the foothills 3.4 miles east of the Winery.

### HARVEST DATA

August 20-25, 2014 | pH 3.30 | TA .68 | Alcohol 13.6%

### FERMENTATION

The fruit for both varieties was fermented separately in stainless tanks. Semillon was aged in neutral oak barrels for about three months then blended with the stainless steel aged Sauvignon Blanc. Lola is ML negative (to maintain as much of the racy fruit as possible) and was thus filtered before bottling.

### COOPERAGE

Semillon was aged for three months in neutral French oak barrels.

### CASES PRODUCED

415 cases

### RELEASE DATE

March 21, 2015