



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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VINCERE — RED WINE LIVERMORE VALLEY

WINEMAKER NOTES

Originally made as a blend for a friend's restaurant in Florida, Vincere has come to be one of the favorite releases of the year for our club members. Modeled on the great super-Tuscan wines, Sassicaia and Ornellaia, this Sangiovese/Cabernet blend shows an elegance and depth that makes the wine immediately enjoyable, especially paired with hearty fare, but also heralds ageability over the medium to long term.

TASTING NOTES

Although the paradigmatic blend for this wine has been 60% Sangiovese and 40% Cabernet, this multi-vintage offering, our 14th release, sees the balance tilted just a touch away from the classic at 56% Sangiovese and 44% Cabernet. In this offering the best barrels of 2012 and 2013 were used to create a wonderfully harmonious and fruit-forward blend. Unlike 2011 – which was an austere release that relied more on structure than fruit to get its vinous truth across – both 2012 and 2013 were warm growing years that produced wines with more overt, voluptuous fruit. A mouthfilling entry gives way to a nice build of tannin in the mid-palate and the acid balance characteristic of the wines of Steven Kent Winery is seen in the marvelously long finish. This release would benefit by 12-18 months of bottle age before drinking and should continue to evolve beautifully for 3-5 years.

VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

56% Sangiovese and 44% Cabernet Sauvignon both from the first of our estate vineyards: Home Ranch, located in the center of the 7-mile axis of the premier sites in the Livermore Valley.

HARVEST DATA

pH 3.56 | TA .60 | Alcohol 13.9%

FERMENTATION

After destemming and crushing, the fruit was fermented in 1¾ ton open-topped fermenters using GRE and D254 yeast strains. The wine was pressed off skins after about 10 days.

COOPERAGE

9 barrels: a blend of French and American Oak. 60% new; 40% second and neutral oak.

CASES PRODUCED

256 cases

RELEASE DATE

June 6, 2015

