



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES HOME RANCH VINEYARD | LIVERMORE VALLEY

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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 Cabernet Sauvignon Single Vineyard Series is a limited offering of wines that showcases the individual characteristics of a very specific piece of Livermore Valley Cabernet ground. The Home Ranch, located in the middle of the historic Livermore Valley appellation is the oldest vineyard with which we work. Planted in 1996 to the Concannon clone of Cabernet (Clone 7), this vineyard is typified by beautiful silkiness in the mid-palate and an aromatic signature that combines black fruit and unmistakable herbal notes that are a product of the essential oils of Pepper and Eucalyptus trees that line our property. These trees were planted as windbreaks, and as the wind blows through them, their oils are deposited on the skins of our Cabernet. Red winemaking necessitates the use of grape skins to provide color, flavor and texture: what resides on the skins as the fruit is brought into the winery can make its way – as it does here – into the wines. This terroir-driven characteristic is one of the Home Ranch wines' most appealing elements. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine was aged in mostly new French oak barrels for about 24 months. Only 7 barrels were deemed of high-enough quality to include in this collection of wines.

TASTING NOTES

Vastly different a growing year from the previous vintage and a harbinger of the two most recent harvests since, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon – Home Ranch is a wine of compelling richness, density of flavor and elegance of presentation. From the dark-fruited aromas of black cherry and cassis to the subtle herbal edges of mint, this wine beautifully displays the inherent quality of the Home Ranch site as well as a wine-making philosophy that prizes beauty over all other qualities. On entry, wonderful acidity shepherds dense black and red fruit flavors through a broad, medium-tannin mid-palate and on through a lingering and focused finish. The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon – Home Ranch should evolve gracefully for the next 10-15 years. We believe 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: Home Ranch Estate vineyard which sits in the middle of the 7-mile axis of world-class quality cutting through the heart of Livermore Valley wine country.

HARVEST DATA

October 30, 2012 | pH 3.57 | TA 0.61 | Alcohol 14.3%

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, individual fermenters inoculated with the D254, BM-45, and D-21 yeast strains. Extended maceration of 14 days.

COOPERAGE

Aged for 24 months in mostly new French oak barrels. Primary cooperages were Le Grand, Taransaud, and François Frères.

CASES PRODUCED

296 six-packs

RELEASE DATE

September 3, 2015