

THE
STEVEN KENT
WINERY

“Evening Vinesong”
GRENACHE, LIVERMORE VALLEY

Evening Vinesong is a blend of two separate vintages of Grenache from the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard. 60% of the wine is from the 2010 vintage, while 2011 contributes the other 40%. This release marks our fifth offering of this variety made famous in the Rhône and Spain. Similar to the last release, this offering is 100% Grenache; the usual blending partners – Syrah and Mourvedre – were not included.

Grenache has found a home all over the world: Garnacha in Spain where it is an important component of the Ribera del Duero wines, Grenache in both France (one of the most important of the 13 Chateaufort de Pape varieties) and Australia where it is often paired with Mourvedre and Syrah to make the wonderful GSM wines.

When newly opened the aromas of black and red plum, subtle wild strawberry, citrus peel, and white pepper are wonderfully ebullient. After aeration spice and barrel notes begin to make an impact, but this wine—even more so than our other Grenache releases—is a study in fruit organoleptics and structure.

In the mouth, this release has great viscosity, with the flavors of plum and wild strawberry coating the tongue. In the mid-palette, the influence of both vintages can be tasted and felt in the dark, ripe fruit of 2010 and the trailing acidity of 2011. This wine is rounder in the mouth than past releases and shows the typical tannin of the variety only on the long finish. With the addition of a hint of sweetness from French oak barrels, *Evening Vinesong* provides a sense of completeness and purity...pure fruit, aromatic contribution from barrel, and the tannin—an entry, a mid-palate, and a finish. Only 139 cases were made exclusively for members of the Collector's Circle.

HISTORY

Ghielmetti Vineyard is our estate vineyard located 3.4 miles east of us on the corner of Reuss and Tesla Roads in Livermore. Planted to 11 different grapes, the Grenache came from Block 7.

VINTAGE

Fruit: 100% Grenache (60% 2010 vintage, 40% 2011) from Block 7 on Ghielmetti Vineyard. Alc. 14.7%

Fermentation: After destemming and crushing, fruit was fermented in 1 ¾ ton open-topped fermenters. The wine was pressed off after about 10 days.

Aging: 6 barrels: 100% second-use and neutral French and American oak.

Time in Barrel: From 24 – 36 months.

Production: 139 cases

Release Date: July 13, 2013

ARTWORK

Jodi Kingdon was born in California in 1939. She has been painting seriously since 1990, with an emphasis and passion for the watercolor medium. The inspiration for “*Evening Vinesong*” came from a love of the vineyards seen while attending a watercolor seminar in France. Using a multi-layer technique, she applied painted grape leaves, wax paper and gauze over a watercolor wash. This painting, along with most of her others was created while summering in Wisconsin.