



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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2016 "LOLA" WHITE WINE GHIELMETTI VINEYARD | LIVERMORE VALLEY



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HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 vintage started life, for the first time in several years, with significant winter rainfall (Livermore saw rainfall in January 2016 exceed that of January 2015 by 243%). Helping to recharge aquifers and wells, rainfall was also helpful in leaching out some of the dissolved solids that had accumulated during the drought. Budbreak and Bloom occurred in temperate weather, and the season continued in a fairly typical Livermore Valley fashion: dry and warm through to harvest. The trend of significantly earlier harvests stopped in 2016 as we picked our first fruit one day later than the previous year. 2016 was a uniformly excellent year for fruit quality and yield. I believe this vintage will rival 2014 in excellence.

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 so seldom seen in California whites.

TASTING NOTES

A blend of 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% 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. The Semillon of 2016 was a little leaner than in 2015 so the final blend is a little racier than in 2015. This is a wine to drink while young to preserve the fruit that is the hallmark of this offering.

VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

70% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Semillon, Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard located in the foothills 3.4 miles east of the Winery.

HARVEST DATA

August 18 – September 24, 2016 | pH 3.30 | TA .68 | Alcohol 13.4%

FERMENTATION

The fruit for both varieties was fermented separately in stainless tanks, and each was aged in tank for three months before the blend was made. Lola is ML negative (to maintain as much of the racy fruit as possible) and was thus filtered before bottling.

CASES PRODUCED

476 cases

RELEASE DATE

March 10, 2017