

THE
STEVEN KENT
WINERY

2000 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

For nearly 150 years my family has been making wine in California. For my father and me (the fifth and sixth generation of family wine makers) the making of wine is not just a business, it represents passion, experience, and a love of working with a fickle nature to craft something of beauty and excellence. After a century-and-a-half of working the land, and a lifetime of collecting and tasting the world's best wines, our life-long goal of producing wines that can be considered as great as any in the world is about to be realized. September 1, 1999 marked the birth of The Steven Kent Winery and our first release of Cabernet Sauvignon. The Livermore Valley, the source of our fruit, is one of the oldest grape-growing regions in California, with vineyard planting dating back to 1849. Together, extremely rocky infertile soils, warm days, and fog-bound nights form a perfect growing environment for wines of individual and expressive character. After six generations of wine making, our journey is just beginning. *We hope you will be joining us.*

The fruit for The Steven Kent Winery 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from meticulously maintained vineyards in the Livermore Valley. The millennial year was a nearly perfect one — practically no rain, and warm steady temperatures throughout the growing season. Yields were limited to less than 3.5 tons per acre of very ripe fruit. Grapes were harvested in mid-October at 24.0° Brix with ripe seeds and an abundance of complex, secondary flavors.

Aged in 100% new, medium-toast, French oak barrels for nearly 24 months, the resulting wine is extremely dark in color and tannic in structure. In keeping with our non-interventionist tradition,

the 2000 Steven Kent Cabernet was bottled without fining or filtration.

Steven Kent yields up base note aromas of cassis, bittersweet chocolate, and dark stone fruits, and top notes of toasty oak, tobacco, and newly-turned earth. The wine has a seductive unctuousness in the mouth and balancing acidity that carries the multiple flavors throughout the extremely long finish.

In five to seven years this wine will be beginning to show true integration that only time will allow, and it will still be drinking beautifully in 20 years. Fewer than 1,000 cases were produced in this vintage.

THE VINEYARD

Grape Source Folkendt Vineyard
Size/number of vines 4 acres/2,644
Soil type Sandy clay
Trellis system VSP

THE WINE

Varietal Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol 13.0%
pH 3.69
TA 56

