

THE
STEVEN KENT
WINERY

2001 Steven Kent Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley

Vineyard Site(s):	Steven Kent Home Ranch and Folkendt Vineyard, Livermore Valley
Varietal Composition:	Clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon 67% (Home Ranch), Clone 8 Cabernet Sauvignon 33% (Folkendt Vineyards)
Harvest Date:	October 2-3, 2001
Vinification:	Hand harvested fruit was brought into the small-lot winery early in the day and was hand-sorted prior to de-stemming and crushing. The fruit from each vineyard was vinified separately. • Fermentation occurred in tank and the wine was pumped over the cap two times per day throughout fermentation and extended maceration. The Folkendt Vineyard component went through an extended maceration of 28 days to soften the ample tannins while the Home Ranch component was in contact with the skins just through primary fermentation. • The wines were transferred to 100% new oak where they went through malolactic fermentation. The wines were racked four times during the course of of barrel-aging regimen. • During this time the separate wines were blended and put back into barrel to “marry” for approximately six months. The blend was bottled without filtration or fining.
Barrel Regimen:	23 months in 100% new French oak barrels. Barrels from Damy, Taransaud, Francois Frères, Seguin-Moreau, and Dempptos were used. More than 75% of the barrels had medium toast level while the remaining barrels were medium+ toast.
Wine Metrics:	pH: 3.83 TA: 6.0 g/l Brix: 25.9° Alc.: 14.7% Cases Produced: 2,400
Tasting Notes:	The wine is inky purple, very opaque with a bright edge. Aromatically, this Cabernet exhibits aspects ranging from cassis, tobacco and sweet oak to bittersweet chocolate, mint, and freshly-turned earth. While heady now, time will only serve to open aromas up and frame the brazen force of youth. • In the mouth, the wine is highly tannic and profoundly rich. Flavors of dark fruits and oak greet one up-front and persist on a long finish. This wine will need five to seven years to begin to show all of its attributes and will age for decades (if stored correctly).
Reviews:	“Well-oaked with lots of noticeable mocha and cedar flavors but also enough black currant and roasted herb-tones to fill in the gaps. Finishes with a flash of oak but also good length and complexity.” <i>Wine Spectator</i> , Nov. 15, 2003 88 Points • “Quite an interesting wine that marches in a different direction from the typical North Coast fare, which is very ripe, soft and opulent. This wine is tighter. Performs a palate quartet with firm tannins, good acidity, black-currant flavor and toasty new oak, in beautiful harmony.” <i>Wine Enthusiast</i> , August 2004 91 Points