



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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2017 “LOLA” WHITE WINE GHIELMETTI VINEYARD | LIVERMORE VALLEY



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HARVEST NOTES

After a trio of very good to great vintages (2012-14) including what was the finest (2013) in more than 20 years of winemaking in the Livermore Valley, 2017 moved the bar even higher. The winter saw very significant rainfall with the arroyos at the base of the Ghielmetti Vineyard running with water for the first time since at least 2005 (Livermore recorded 14 inches of rain, an average year total in January through February alone; significantly, though, only .20 inches from July through October — Harvest time). Late August through October exhibited nearly perfect weather: temperate, practically no rainfall so that fruit came in with balanced ripeness and higher than average quantity from Ghielmetti Vineyard (~285 tons compared to the 5-year running average of 238 tons).

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 to seldom seen in California whites.

TASTING NOTES

A blend of 68% Sauvignon Blanc and 32% Semillon harvested from the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, this wine looks to the Graves region of southern Bordeaux for inspiration and to the best vintages from Ghielmetti Vineyard for its style. 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 overall percentage of Semillon was a bit higher than average in this release; the wine is a little richer in the mouth (compared with 2015 and 2016) because of it. Lola, as always, is a wine to pair with food of all types and one to drink on the younger side.

VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

68% Sauvignon Blanc, 32% Semillon, Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard located in the foothills 3.4 miles east of the Winery.

HARVEST DATA

August 18 – August 31, 2017 | pH 3.30 | TA .68 | Alcohol 12.9%

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

645 cases

RELEASE DATE

March 1, 2018