



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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2018 "LOLA" WHITE WINE LIVERMORE VALLEY

HARVEST NOTES

Under normal circumstances, especially in California, it is difficult to point to a single event in the growing year that defines the entire harvest season. Such was not the case in 2018. The wild fires that raged in Mendocino County from late July to early September cast a pall on the Livermore Valley for weeks, making work outside extremely difficult and extending harvest by several weeks beyond average. Extreme smoke blocked UV radiation to the grape vines resulting in significantly slow sugar production. There are many ripening curves in the vineyard each year including seed and skin maturity, and pH and TA measures. While sugar production usually races ahead of these other arcs, the fires allowed for many of these elements to ripen at about the same time, and very balanced, high-quality fruit was the result.

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 harvested from the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard and 32% Semillon, 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 dropped a bit from the previous vintage, and the 18 vintage is, consequently, a little more succulent and high-toned than 2017. 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, Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard located in the foothills 3.4 miles east of the Winery and 32% Semillon,

HARVEST DATA

September 5-22, 2018 | pH 3.34 | TA .70 | Alcohol 12.7%

FERMENTATION

The fruit for both varieties was fermented separately in stainless tanks, 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

501 cases

RELEASE DATE

May 1, 2019



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