

2023 Steven Kent Winery L'Autre Côte

Producer

Steven Kent Winery

Country

USA

Region/Terroir

California

Appellation

San Francisco Bay (Livermore Valley)

Color

Red

Grape/Blend

10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 85% Cabernet Franc

Vintages**Price**

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Bottle Size

750 ml

Alcohol %

13.7%

Type

Still Wine

Drink Dates

2025 to 2038

**Date Tasted**

December 11, 2025

Cristaldi Review

The 2023 L'Autre Côte is a blend of 85% Cabernet Franc from the Ghielmetti Vineyard in the eastern foothills of the Livermore Valley, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Lux Block of Bates Ranch, and 5% Merlot from the Zayante Vineyard — the latter two situated in the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a bright, vivid and expressive wine, bursting with blue and red fruit notes laced with lovely espresso-bean and clove nuances, a refined tobacco character and spiced-plum fruit. Cocoa-powder tannins build on the mineral-rich, wild-herb finish. Superbly classy, with a firm spine of acidity, it is one of the most balanced, complex and approachable wines from the area, and should age gracefully for at least two decades or more.