

Limited Release
MERITAGE
LIVERMORE VALLEY, SAN FRANCISCO BAY
2021



VINEYARD

Our small lot wine is meticulously crafted from select blocks within our vineyards, cultivated with sustainable farming practices. Our Merlot grapes thrive in our Home Vineyards, while our Cabernet Sauvignon originates from our Sachau, Shannon, and Mel Vineyards. Each grape is carefully handpicked and sorted during harvest to guarantee the utmost quality.

WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION

All varieties were fermented in stainless steel tanks with pneumatage twice a day to maximize the extraction of aromas and textures.

AGING

The wine was aged for 20 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% used French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Meritage shows the balanced depth and richness that Bordeaux style blends bring to the table. The nose opens with red and black cherries, anise and currants framed by warm baking spice and vanilla bean French oak notes. The rich and full entry on the palate gives way to supple lingering tannins. The wine pairs well with grilled meats, rich stews, or aged cheeses to enhance the dining experience.

HISTORY

Founded in 1883, Wente Vineyards is the country's oldest continuously operated family-owned winery. Owned and managed today by the fourth and fifth generations of the Wente family, the winery draws from its 3,000 acres of sustainably farmed estate vineyards in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Arroyo Seco, Monterey winegrowing regions to make an outstanding portfolio of wines.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	ALCOHOL	WINEMAKER	RELEASE DATE
57% Merlot	15.0%	Alec Fraser	February 2024
43% Cabernet Sauvignon			
	PH	TA	BARRELS PRODUCED
	3.74	0.61g/100ml	42



Wente Vineyards is a Certified California Sustainable Vineyard and Winery. Less than 10% of all California wineries have received this certification