



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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## 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES CASA DE VINAS VINEYARD | LIVERMORE VALLEY

2016



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### HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 vintage started life, for the first time in several years, with significant winter rainfall (Livermore saw rainfall in January 2016 exceed that of January 2015 by 243%). Helping to recharge aquifers and wells, rainfall was also helpful in leaching out some of the dissolved solids that had accumulated during the drought. Budbreak and Bloom occurred in temperate weather, and the season continued in a fairly typical Livermore Valley fashion: dry and warm through to harvest. The trend of significantly earlier harvests stopped in 2016 as we picked our first fruit one day later than the previous year. 2016 was a uniformly excellent year for fruit quality and yield. I believe this vintage will rival 2014 in excellence.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The Cabernet Sauvignon Single Vineyard Series is a limited offering of wines that showcases the individual characteristics of a very specific piece of Livermore Valley Cabernet ground. Each of these sites offers a new way of looking at the, oftentimes overlooked, complexity of the Cabernet Sauvignon variety. For this series of wines, the site (and clonal material planted in that site) is the most obvious variable - the moral of the story we are trying to tell - so winemaking techniques, yeast choices, and maceration schedules are left generally the same for each of the six wines presented. The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon - Casa de Vinas Vineyard is our first offering from this site, and with it, we have rounded out our offerings for the Single Vineyard Series of Cabernet Sauvignon. Owned and farmed by our good friend, and Livermore Valley legend, Julio Covarrubias, this vineyard provided clone 337 fruit for this inaugural release. While we have experience with this clone from other vineyards, the specific soil composition and lay of the land...the terroir of the site will trump the characteristics inherent in the scion.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is organoleptically characterized by a beautiful entry of dark fruits (blackberry, cassis), pencil lead and a subtle toasty note of oak. The mid-palate of the wine is soft and inviting, showing some of the acidity that our wines are known for, and the finish is lengthy, fresh, and acid-driven. This offering was aged in about 60% new French oak for 24 months, and it should age gracefully for seven to 10 years, properly stored. We believe this wine, along with our other Single Vineyard Series of wines, showcases a vision for Cabernet Sauvignon that is in keeping with the world-class potential of the Livermore Valley.

### VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

100% Cabernet Sauvignon: Casa de Vinas Vineyard which sits in the Tesla District of Livermore about 1.25 miles east of our Hospitality Center along the 9-mile axis of world-class quality cutting through the heart of Livermore Valley wine country.

### HARVEST DATA

October 22, 2016 | pH 3.60 | TA 0.5 | Alcohol 14.3%

### FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, individual fermenters inoculated with the D254 and D-21 yeast strains. Extended maceration of 14 days.

### COOPERAGE

Aged for 24 months in 100% French oak barrels, 60% new. Primary cooperages were Le Grand, Taransaud, and François Frères.

### CASES PRODUCED

134 cases

### RELEASE DATE

July 13, 2019