



Wente Sandstone Merlot

The Wente name is well known, and we are sure you are familiar with the brand. Wente is California's oldest family owned and operated winery. The Sandstone Merlot is available in extremely limited quantities in Alberta and BC.

The vineyards are found in the Livermore Valley, an AVA located in the eastern portion of the San Francisco Bay region. Primarily Merlot, with added Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah and Petite Verdot give stronger structure, colour and tannins. The varietals were fermented separately, then blended and aged for 20 months in neutral French and American oak barrels. Karl D. Wente, fifth generation winemaker, produces wines made for food and this Merlot begs to be paired with a great meal! It is no surprise that the Wente Estate is home to an award winning restaurant, with a wine list that has been recognized every year from Wine Spectator. Chill to room temperature, 18C and enjoy within the next 2 years.



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MERLOT, CAB SAUV, PETITE SIRAH, PETITE VERDOT
LIVERMORE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, USA
13.5% ALCOHOL
\$20

HOW IT LOOKS

Ruby red, fairly consistent from core to edge, which shows a youthful wine.

HOW IT SMELLS

Ripe and juicy red berries and loads of plum. At first, we find some woody cedar and old wooden chest. With a few swirls, the aromas become sweeter with vanilla bean, and strawberry-rhubarb crumble.

FOOD PAIRING

This Merlot craves something fatty and rich, juicy burgers topped with tomato relish and smoky gouda is the perfect mixture of sweet and savoury.



HOW IT TASTES

Supple and soft, medium bodied with good depth of flavour. Plump, red plums continue to dominate with more herbaciousness rather than sweet flavours. Ripe and juicy, with contrasting goji berries and pomegranate. Tannins are sandy and light and rest on the tip of the tongue. Moderate acidity and a finish full of plum skin and cherry pits.

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