



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

## 2017 BDX COLLECTION MALBEC Ghielmetti Vineyard | Livermore Valley



### HARVEST NOTES

2017 will long be remembered as one of the finest vintages in the last 25 years of winemaking in the Livermore Valley. After a wet winter and nearly perfect weather all throughout ripening, the fruit came in beautifully balanced and led to wines with fascinating complexity and striking richness in structure

### VINEYARD NOTES

One of the premier sites for Bordeaux varieties in the Livermore Valley, Ghielmetti Vineyard sits at about 1000 feet above sea level in the eastern foothills of the valley. Fruit from this site is typically harvested later than other vineyards throughout the valley, leading to greater balance and intricacies of flavors as the fruit matures slowly throughout the fall.

### TASTING NOTES

This Malbec displays the typical varietal aromas of black cherry, both juicy and dried plums, violets, and tobacco leaf. The palate mirrors the nose in flavors and the oak aging adds subtle notes of black pepper and cola. The 2017 vintage brings about an added heft on the palate compared to previous vintages, creating a round mouthfeel and finishing with lengthy tannins and mouthwatering acidity.

### WINE STATISTICS

Wood: French Oak, 40% New Oak, 28 Months

TA: .56 g/L

pH: 3.72

Alcohol: 15.0%

Cases Produced: 164

**\$48.00**

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THE LINEAGE  
COLLECTION