

## THE STEVEN KENT WINERY COLLECTOR'S CIRCLE 2018 PETITE SIRAH "HEART OF GHANA" | LIVERMORE VALLEY

### HARVEST & WINEMAKER NOTES

Under normal circumstances, especially in California, it is difficult to point to a single event in the growing year that defines the entire harvest season. Such was not the case in 2018. The wildfires that raged in Mendocino County from late July to early September cast a pall on the Livermore Valley for weeks, making work outside extremely difficult and extending harvest by several weeks beyond average. Extreme smoke blocked UV radiation to the grape vines resulting in significantly slow sugar production. There are many ripening curves in the vineyard each year including seed and skin maturity, and pH and TA measures. While sugar production usually races ahead of these other arcs, the fires allowed for many of these elements to ripen at about the same time, and very balanced, high-quality fruit was the result.

### TASTING NOTES

The Collector's Circle features wines made from cultivars that are largely of Italian and Rhone origin. These wines are meant to be wines of distinction that are made to pair with food and be ready to drink younger than our Bordeaux-variety based wines. Started in 2003, the Collector's Circle has built a passionate audience for these small-lot wines usually made from fruit grown on our two estate vineyards Home Ranch and Ghielmetti. The Heart of Ghana is a 100% offering of Petite Sirah from the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard. The label for this offering was created by a young woman in Ghana named Lawrencina Moda Kumagah. The Happy Kids Foundation is a charity to which we gladly donate time and money; the foundation helps to educate orphans in Ghana so that they can live independent, fruitful lives. Funds from the sale of this wine will be donated to Happy Kids. This wine is the third we have produced for Happy Kids.

### VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

100% Petite Sirah from Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, block 12.

### HARVEST DATA

October 19, 2018 | pH 3.61 | TA 0.50 | Alcohol 14.8%

### FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, this wine was fermented in 1.7-ton open-topped fermenters and was pressed on October 28, 2018.

### COOPERAGE

Aged for 18 months in 100% French oak barrels, three of four were new.

### CASES PRODUCED

81 cases

### RELEASE DATE

November 12, 2020

### ARTIST

Moda joined HK in grade 2 after living in Accra with her mom from childhood. They moved back to the village because her mom was struggling and her dad couldn't support them. She loves art, singing, writing love poems and dancing. She also played in the first girls' soccer league in the district as a defender. Moda is a like a big sister to all the little girls, when she is home all the girls hang around her, sleep on her bed, play video games on her phone and sing together in her room. Here is what Moda had to say about her art: *"I'm 18 years old and in fashion school. My drawing shows that when we take good care of the environment it makes life easy. Ghana has a lot of cocoa farms and when we sell our cocoa, we build roads and schools. Plant more trees to have a good life."*

