

Winemakers Notes: 2013 Merlot Livermore Valley

<u>Description:</u> Purple plum, Bing cherry, and chocolate aromas, On the palate you'll find plum, raspberry jam, cranberry, hints of leather and coffee. This well balanced Merlot has grippy tannins and a long lasting finish.

<u>Varietals:</u> 85% One Oak Vineyard Merlot, Livermore Valley

10% Galles Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley5% Smith Ranch Vineyard Petit Verdot, Livermore Valley

<u>Vineyard Notes:</u> One Oak Vineyard is located in the Crane Ridge area located in Eastern side of Livermore off Greenville Road across from the Poppy Hill Golf Course. Crane Ridge is in the foothills with rolling hills which is sunny from morning until dusk and has moderate winds in the afternoon. The Merlot thrives from the hot days, cooling evenings, and significantly cooler nights. The trellis is Scott Henry which provides ample shading of the grapes.

Awards: GOLD Medal – 2016 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Cases Produced: 124 Cases

Barrel Treatment: Barrel aged for 18 months in new 40% French Oak

Vital Statistics:

Al: 15.4% Alcohol by Volume

pH: 3.47 TA: .73