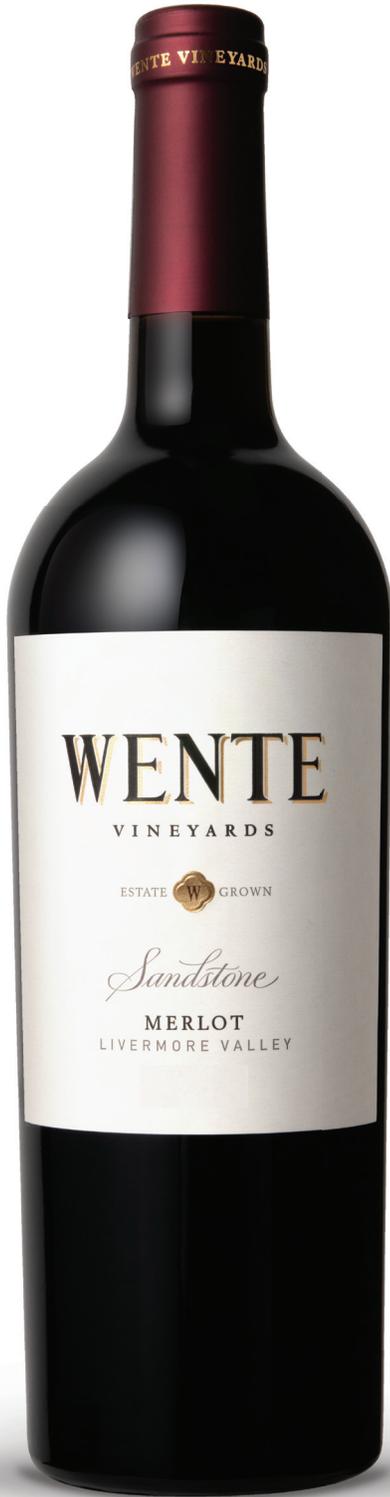


WENTE

VINEYARDS



Sandstone

MERLOT
LIVERMORE VALLEY

2016

ESTATE  GROWN

VINEYARD

Our Estate Grown Sandstone Merlot comes from a gently sloping formation of hills running along the southeastern corner of the historic Livermore Valley. With warm days, cool nights, well-drained sandstone soils, and incoming breezes from the San Francisco Bay, the Wente family's hillside vineyard is an ideal place to grow outstanding Merlot and Bordeaux varieties.

WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION

Varietals were fermented separately in upright stainless steel fermenters and pumped over 2-3 times daily.

Wine was pressed on the skins after 7-12 days.

AGING

Aged for 24 months in French, Eastern European and neutral oak barrels.

FOOD PAIRINGS

BBQ chicken pizza, margherita pizza and lasagna.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Sandstone Merlot has inviting notes of ripe fig and pomegranate, with a hint of sandalwood. This delicious Merlot bursts with berry flavors from cranberry, grilled cherry and acai, finishing with a nice lingering acidity.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	ALCOHOL 13.5%	HARVEST DATE(S) 9/20-10/12
78% Merlot	PH 3.63	BRIX AT HARVEST 24.3
15% Petite Sirah	TA 0.63g/100ml	RELEASE DATE May 2019
7% Malbec		

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