



# MURRIETA'S WELL

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## THE SPUR

LIVERMORE VALLEY

vin. 2020

### VINEYARD

All grape varieties in this wine are exclusively sourced from our estate vineyard in the Livermore Valley. All of the Bordeaux varieties were grown in the Sachau vineyard located directly behind our historic tasting room. Elevation on this vineyard ranges from 615-845 feet and the soils consist of mainly very gravelly, coarse sandy loam – ideal for these varieties. The Cabernet Sauvignon was also grown in our Louis Mel vineyard. A distinct feature on the Louis Mel vineyard is an ancient riverbed that runs through it. The Petite Sirah is grown on the Hayes vineyard, which has the widest elevation range (560-860 feet) on our entire estate. It features an array of soil types, aspects and slopes, which makes it ideal for growing a range of grape varieties. We farm all of our vineyards block by block to ensure optimal flavor and fruit expression.

Cabernet Sauvignon: Louis Mel & Sachau | Petite Sirah: Hayes | Merlot: Sachau | Malbec: Sachau | Petit Verdot: Sachau |

### WINEMAKING

**FERMENTATION** | All varieties were fermented in small stainless tanks and pumped over several times a day to maximize fruit extraction.

**AGING** | The wine was aged for 18 months in new as well as second and third use French oak barrels. This allows the wine to have some maturation, but we blend and bottle in an effort to maintain the excellent fruit components of this wine.

### HARVEST

The varieties in this wine were picked in October 2020. The 2020 vintage was a fairly mild year in terms of temperature in the Livermore Valley, up until early September, where we experienced 7 extreme heat events through the end of October. The mild year allowed for an elongated overall growing season, followed by the heat events which really accelerated the ripening period. Overall, we saw good yields, healthy fermentations and high quality wines.

### ROBBIE'S TASTING NOTES

This lovely blend is generously framed with lots of rich creamy French oak that highlights layers of vanilla, nutmeg and graham cracker crust. The oak spice lingers from the plush entry well into the lengthy finish, but it is matched by an really generous concentration of black cherry, blackberry, and rich plum jam flavors. Full and fleshy on the palate, the blend has just the right amount of structural grip to suggest it will mature and complex over the next 8-10 years.

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#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Petite Sirah,  
14% Merlot, 5% Petite Verdot, 2% Malbec

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

PH | 3.53

TA | 0.66g/100ml

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