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Crane Ridge

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Appellation: 97% Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay
3% Arroyo Seco, Monterey

Varietal Content: 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker: Karl D. Wente

Alcohol: 14.0%

pH: 3.58

Total Acid: 0.52g/100ml

Origin: Crane Ridge is the gently sloping formation of hills running along the southeastern corner of the famous Livermore Valley. The Wente family's hillside Merlot vineyards deliver fully ripened fruit with exceptional depth of character.

Fermentation: The Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon were fermented in stainless steel fermenters and pumped over twice daily.

Aging: The Merlot was aged in neutral oak for 11 months. The Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in neutral oak for 12 months.

Description: With a smooth mouthfeel and balanced tannins, this dry, full-bodied Merlot exhibits flavors of plum, cherry, vanilla and a hint of earth.



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