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Appellation:	100% Arroyo Seco, Monterey
Varietal Content:	100% Merlot
Winemaker:	Karl D. Wente
Alcohol:	15.3%
pH:	3.53
Total Acid:	0.59g/100mL
Residual Sugar:	0.01% RS

Vineyard: The fruit was harvested from the Reliz Creek block in Arroyo Seco, Monterey. The region's cool, long growing season allows the grapes to fully develop subtle flavors not usually found in this varietal in California.

Fermentation: After being handpicked, the grapes were hand-sorted at the winery and gently crushed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. The wine was pumped over twice daily and gently pressed, leaving any possible bitter tannins behind.

Aging: After primary fermentation, the wine was aged for 18 months in French, American, and Eastern European oak barrels.

Description: Our Small Lot Merlot has a velvety red color, with aromas and flavors of red cherry and chocolate complemented by hints of tobacco and spearmint. With smooth tannins and integrated oak that marries with the fruit, this wine has an elegant mouthfeel and a long-lasting finish.

History: Founded 125 years ago, Wente Vineyards is the country's oldest continuously operated family-owned winery. Owned and managed today by the fourth and fifth generations of the Wente family, the winery draws from nearly 3,000 acres of estate vineyards in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Arroyo Seco, Monterey winegrowing regions to make an outstanding portfolio of wines.

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