



L I M I T E D  R E L E A S E

# ERIC'S CHARDONNAY SMALL LOT 2007

<b>Appellation:</b>	100% Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay
<b>Varietal Content:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Karl D. Wente
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.5%
<b>pH:</b>	3.65
<b>Total Acid:</b>	0.64 g/100 mL
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	Dry

**Vineyard:** Wente Vineyards was the first California winery to produce a wine labeled with the varietal name Chardonnay in 1936. Today, many of the great Chardonnay vineyards in California are planted with the Wente Clone. Our 92-acre Estate vineyard was first planted in 1884 with Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon cuttings that French grape grower, Louis Mel, brought to Livermore from Chateau d' Yquem in Bordeaux. Near the turn of the century, Chardonnay was also planted on the ranch, which has recently been replanted with various Chardonnay clones. The vineyards are planted in a combination of Livermore gravel (rocky soil with excellent drainage) in the flatlands, and a slightly richer gravel soil on the sloping hillside. All of the vineyards are sustainably farmed and hand-harvested in the early morning hours.

**Fermentation:** The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks.

**Aging:** The wine was aged in stainless steel.

**Description:** We affectionately call this wine "Big Daddy Eric's Chablis-style Chardonnay". Unlike many "buttery" Chardonnays, this old-world style Chardonnay is fermented and aged in stainless steel rather than oak, and does not undergo malolactic fermentation, creating a great balance between fruit and acidity. Enjoy fresh, crisp aromas and flavors of bright green apple, pear and citrus.

**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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