

2019 "LOLA"
LIVERMORE VALLEY



HARVEST NOTES

The 2019 vintage in the Livermore Valley told a story that describes California viticulture in miniature. One of the profound gifts of making wine in the Golden State is the temperate nature of the climate. While some regions are naturally cooler or warmer than others, we rarely have to deal with dramatic climatic effects that have destroyed many seasons in Europe over the centuries. The beneficent aspect of the Livermore Valley, in particular, rarely disappoints those of us lucky enough to make wine here. The 2019 vintage produced beautifully ripe fruit – more similar to 2017 than 2018 in terms of mid-palate heft and overall structure. This is a vintage that will be regarded as one of the finer of the last ten years.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The history of the Livermore Valley appellation is inextricably tied to the fortunes of the two important white grapes of Bordeaux – Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. Planted here at the very beginning, the first great wines of the Valley were made from a blend of the two grapes, culminating in the Grand Prix award at the Paris Exhibition of 1889. Three blocks at the Ghilmetti Estate Vineyard are planted to these two varieties and together they produce a wine of complexity, great flavor, and a sense of liveliness to seldom seen in California whites.

TASTING NOTES

A blend of 68% Sauvignon Blanc and 32% Semillon harvested from the finest vineyards in Livermore, this wine looks to the Graves region of southern Bordeaux for inspiration. Lime zest, warm ginger, and the subtle perfume of white flowers and lychee nut dominate the nose while the silkiness of Semillon teams wonderfully with the vibrancy of the Sauvignon Blanc in the mouth to create a wine of great freshness, fruit, and length. The overall percentage of Semillon is the same as the previous vintage so this wine leans toward more than less mid-palate body. Lola, as always, is a wine to pair with food of all types and one to drink on the younger side.

THE BLEND

68% Sauvignon Blanc, 32% Semillon, Livermore Valley.

HARVEST DATA

August 15 – September 10, 2019 | pH 3.34 | TA .70 | Alcohol 13.1%

FERMENTATION

The fruit for both varieties was fermented separately in stainless tanks, aged in tank for three months before the blend was made. Lola is ML negative (to maintain as much of the racy fruit as possible) and was thus filtered before bottling.

CASES PRODUCED

379 cases

RELEASE DATE

June 12, 2020