



## 2005 RED MERITAGE Livermore Valley

### VINEYARDS

Our 92-acre estate vineyard was first planted in 1884, and is sustainably farmed and hand-harvested. Planted are 29 acres of clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon; 10 acres of clone 1 Merlot; 36.9 acres of old vine Zinfandel; and 2.5 acres of clone 1 Cabernet Franc.

### WINE STYLE

This Red Meritage is a subtle, sophisticated wine that has elegance and finesse. Each varietal was aged separately in small oak barrels before being masterfully blended to showcase the best attributes of each grape.

### FLAVOR PROFILE

On the nose, dark plum blend with complex notes of cinnamon, and undertones of chocolate and anise. With well-integrated oak, this wine displays cinnamon, boysenberry, and mocha flavors, with medium tannins and balanced acidity.

### VARIETALS

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot,  
12% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc

### AGING

The components were aged separately in a mix of new and old French, American, and Hungarian oak barrels ranging from one to four months old. After careful selection by the winemaker, the wine was finally aged as a blend for at least 15 months in French oak barrels prior to bottling.

<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.0%
<b>TOTAL ACIDITY</b>	0.56 g/100ml
<b>pH</b>	3.74
<b>RESIDUAL SUGAR</b>	Dry

### THE WINERY

Murrieta's Well is named after the legendary gold rush-era desperado, Joaquin Murrieta, who camped by the artesian well on the property on his way to Mexico to sell wild horses. Previously owned by Louis Mel, this historic property was brought back to life in 1990 by viticulturalist Phil Wentz and winemaker Sergio Traverso.