

## 2007 WHITE MERITAGE Livermore Valley



### MURRIETA'S WELL

#### VINEYARDS

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. 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.

#### WINE STYLE

The Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc were barrel fermented separately and aged sur lie for 11 months. During the aging, batonnage was performed monthly. Batonnage is the stirring of the barrels to re-suspend the lees. This process adds creaminess and a rich, full mouth feel to the wine. Following aging, the winemaker made a final blend to achieve a perfect balance between the Sauvignon Blanc's crispness and the Semillon's creamier structure. At least 60% of the wine was finished with malo-lactic fermentation.

#### FLAVOR PROFILE

Our 2007 White Meritage displays aromas of honeysuckle and white peach, accented by a hint of spice from oak barrel aging. Ripe melon, green apple, vanilla and butterscotch flavors linger on the long finish, balanced by a creamy mouthfeel and touch of acidity.

#### VARIETALS

52% Semillon, 48% Sauvignon Blanc

#### AGING

The Semillon was barrel fermented in a combination of French and Eastern European oak and aged for 10 months. The Sauvignon Blanc was barrel-fermented in a combination of French and Eastern European oak and aged for 11 months.

<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>TOTAL ACIDITY</b>	0.62g/100ml
<b>pH</b>	3.49
<b>RESIDUAL SUGAR</b>	0.06%

#### 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 Wente and winemaker Sergio Traverso.



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