

2007 ZARZUELA Livermore Valley



MURRIETA'S WELL

VINEYARDS

Our 92-acre estate was first planted in 1884 and is sustainably farmed. In 1998, Tempranillo was planted in anticipation of a wine modeled after the famous Spanish blends of Ribera del Duero and Rioja. Following Tempranillo were plantings of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa and Souzao—grapes that are traditionally used in the production of port, but which have exceptional fruit characteristics when made as a classic table wine.

WINE STYLE

This proprietary blend, named Zarzuela, is as romantic as the Spanish "operettas" for which it is named. A blend of Spanish and Portuguese grape varieties, each varietal was aged separately before being masterfully blended to showcase the best attributes of each grape type.

FLAVOR PROFILE

This vintage displays enticing aromas of raspberry, chocolate, rose petals, dried rosemary and a hint of smoked meat. Dark plum, vanilla and toasted oak flavors blend beautifully with undertones of chocolate and clove on the palate. With medium tannins, this wine has a spicy finish.

VARIETALS

69% Tempranillo, 20% Touriga, 8% Petite Sirah, 3% Souzao

AGING

All varietals were aged for 12 months in oak barrels prior to bottling. The Tempranillo was aged in a combination of American, Eastern European and Neutral oak. The Touriga was aged in a combination of French, American, Eastern European and Neutral oak. The Petite Sirah was aged in a combination of American and Neutral oak. The Souzao was aged in Neutral oak.

ALCOHOL	13.5%
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.60 g/100ml
pH	3.77
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.3%

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.



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