



**MURRIETA'S
WELL**



*Unforgettable Estate
Blends from California's
Livermore Valley*

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2003 Red Meritage

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

Vendimia, which means 'harvest' or 'vintage' in Spanish, is the proprietary name for this Bordeaux-style blend. 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 of the grape types.

FLAVOR PROFILE

The 2003 Red Meritage has black plum aromas and flavors from the Cabernet Sauvignon and the Merlot, along with a nice level of tobacco and herbal hints from the Cabernet Franc. The rich black cherry and tannins from the Petit Verdot complete the wine. The tannins are smooth and, combined with the medium acidity, will allow the wine to age well for many years.

VARIETALS

67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Petit Verdot, 10% Merlot, and 7% Cabernet Franc

AGING

The components were aged separately in a mix of new and old French, American, and Hungarian oak 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.

ALCOHOL	13.5%
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.59 g/100ml
PH	3.76
Residual Sugar	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 Wente and winemaker Sergio Traverso.