



# THE SPUR

LIVERMORE VALLEY

vin. 2019

## VINEYARD

All grape varieties in this wine are exclusively sourced from our estate vineyard in the Livermore Valley. All of the Bordeaux varieties were grown in the Sachau vineyard located directly behind our historic tasting room. Elevation on this vineyard ranges from 615-845 feet and the soils consist of mainly very gravelly, coarse sandy loam – ideal for these varieties. The Cabernet Sauvignon was also grown in our Louis Mel vineyard. A distinct feature on the Louis Mel vineyard is an ancient riverbed that runs through it. The Petite Sirah is grown on the Hayes vineyard, which has the widest elevation range (560-860 feet) on our entire estate. It features an array of soil types, aspects and slopes, which makes it ideal for growing a range of grape varieties. We farm all of our vineyards block by block to ensure optimal flavor and fruit expression.

Cabernet Sauvignon: Louis Mel & Sachau | Petite Sirah: Hayes | Merlot: Sachau | Malbec: Sachau | Petit Verdot: Sachau |

#### WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION | All varieties were fermented in small stainless tanks and pumped over several times a day to maximize fruit extraction.

AGING | The wine was aged for 18 months in new as well as second and third use French oak barrels. This allows the wine to have some maturation, but we blend and bottle in an effort to maintain the excellent fruit components of this wine.

### HARVEST

The varieties for this wine were picked in October 2019. The 2019 vintage was moderate to warm in the Livermore Valley, without any heat spikes. This allowed the fruit to get extra hang time on the vine, which brought out the fruit and floral qualities even more. Overall, we saw good yields, healthy fermentations and high quality wines.

# ROBBIE'S TASTING NOTES

The Spur 2019 is crafted from blending the classic Bordeaux varietals with Petite Sirah, which offers a distinctively California expression. Each varietal is farmed, harvested, and handcrafted individually to achieve their greatest expression prior to assembling the final blend. The 2019 vintage provides an aromatic profile of black cherry, spiced cranberry and subtle oak with complementary notes of graham cracker and clove. The dark fruit aromas carry through to the palate which is framed by fine tannins, and a rich, lasting, and elegant mouthfeel. Enjoy through 2027.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petite Sirah, 9% Merlot, 7% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot ALCOHOL | 14.5%

PH | 3.79

T A  $\mid$  0.62g/100ml

BARRELS PRO DUCED | 530

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