

# WENTE

FAMILY VINEYARDS



## Sandstone Merlot

Country: United States      Region: Livermore Valley, CA  
Type: Red      Varietal: Blend - Merlot, Petite Sirah, Petite Verdot  
Format: 12 x 750ml

BC	AB	SK	MB
+171025	+171025		+171025
Speculative	Open		PWS

## TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Deep rich red.

**Aroma:** Aromas and flavours of black cherry and plum with hints of black tea and toasted oak.

**Taste:** Smooth mouthful and inviting tannins lead to a long, fruity finish.

**Food:** Poultry, red meat, pork, pastas and salads, this Merlot can handle them all well.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2022 ~ Best Buy Points. "Blackberry fruit aromas are cut by a light mintiness on the nose of this bottling. The palate is quite juicy, pairing blackberry jam with a lightly wooded structure." - Matt Kettmann - Wine Enthusiast, Oct/2025

2022 ~ 91 Points. "Ripe and toasty, with notes of plum skin, cedar, walnut and blackberries at the height of their season; a powdery texture; nice weight on the palate; and a long finish." - The Tasting Panel Magazine, May/2025

2021 ~ 92 Points. BEST BUY "When done right, Merlot can be an extremely pleasurable experience, as expressed in this widely available and affordable bottling. Cherry, woodspice and cocoa aromas are clean and direct on the nose. The palate is joyous with red cherry, cedar and berry sorbet flavors." - Wine Enthusiast, Nov/2024

2021 ~ "From the respected and certified-sustainable producer, this Merlot shows the plummier side of the variety, yet there is enough earth through to balance out that ripeness. Spiced black cherries and currants mingle with vanilla and chocolate, making this wine perfect to enjoy alongside saucy BBQ. It's a very solid value." - Food & Wine, Aug/2023

## OTHER INFO

Wente Vineyards, established in 1883. Is the country's oldest continuously operated family owned winery. Our Sandstone Merlot is estate grown and sustainably farmed in the Livermore Valley. With warm days and cool nights, well drained rocky soils, and incoming breezes from the San Francisco Bay, it is an ideal region to grow outstanding Merlot.



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