

2010 LINEAGE  
BORDEAUX-STYLE RED WINE



# WINE ENTHUSIAST

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## 94 POINTS, CELLAR SELECTION

This is Steven Kent's fourth vintage of Lineage, his blockbuster Bordeaux red from carefully tended Livermore fruit. Predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon (65%), it includes 16% Cab Franc, 15% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec. Layered in coffee and herbal cassis, and finely structured, it is an elegant, herbal-kissed, slightly coy wine, enjoyable now with a big meal or ready to sleep in bottle until 2024–2029.

– May 2014

# Wine Spectator

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The Steven Kent Winery 2010 Lineage (Livermore Valley); \$125. The riveting aromas of cassis, blackberry, mocha and chocolate brownie are dense and complex, unfolding in tiers. Yet for all the richness and depth of flavor here, this retains a measure of grace and finesse, carrying the flavors a long way. About as good as California Cabernet gets from an underappreciated region. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Drink now through 2028. From California.—J.L.

– January 2014



## 92 POINTS

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cab Franc, 15% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec

We cannot recall better Livermore Valley Cabernets and red-Bordeaux blends than those we have seen from Steven Kent, and this striking new effort keeps the winery's winning string intact. From its fascinating, wonderfully complex and decidedly nuanced aromas of dusty berries, cassis and soft, oaky spice to its very deep and sustained flavors, it is a wine that is defined by refinement and keen composition rather than big muscles and bombast. While its structure is such that we would opt to bury it deep in the cellar for another decade or so, it is so nicely crafted and balanced that it is certain to please with far shorter keeping.

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