



LINEAGE | VINTAGE 2007 | WINE MAKER'S NOTES

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SIXTH GENERATION OF AMERICA'S OLDEST WINEMAKING FAMILY AND THE WORLD-CLASS GROWING AREA THAT IS THE LIVERMORE VALLEY, LINEAGE REPRESENTS A MISSION AND A PROMISE TO SPARE NO EFFORT TO HANDCRAFT ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT WINES.

MADE FROM THE FIVE CLASSIC BORDEAUX VARIETIES, ALL OF WHICH WERE HARVESTED FROM OUR ESTATE VINEYARD, LINEAGE IS IMBUED WITH THE ELEGANCE, COMPLEXITY, AND AGE-WORTHINESS THAT THE BEST OF THESE BLENDED WINES CONTAIN. 2007 MARKS THE INAUGURAL VINTAGE OF LINEAGE, AND WE CHOSE ONLY THE FIVE BARRELS WE DEEMED OF GREAT-ENOUGH QUALITY TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS FIRST RELEASE, DECLASSIFYING MORE THAN 92% OF OUR BORDEAUX PRODUCTION.

IN THE NOSE ONE SENSES A COMPLEX INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE DARK-FRUIT, CABERNET NOTES OF CASSIS AND BLACK CHERRY; THE SUBTLE CONTRIBUTION OF CABERNET FRANC'S HERBAL SIGNATURE; THE DARK CHOCOLATE AND MOCHA OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK. IN THE MOUTH, 2007 LINEAGE IS A VERY BIG WINE. FROM AN ENTRY OF CONSTRAINED DARK FRUIT TO A MID-PALATE FULL AND TIGHT TO A TANNIC AND LONG FINISH, THE WINE SHOWCASES THE VERY HIGHEST ATTRIBUTES OF EACH VARIETY AND PROMISES THE FORTHCOMING INTEGRATION AND MATURITY THAT ARE NOW SUBSUMED BY THE EXUBERANCE AND MUSCULARITY OF YOUTH. DRINK FROM 2014-2024.

HARVEST DATES: OCTOBER 11 – NOVEMBER 6, 2007

FRUIT: 75% CABERNET SAUVIGNON (CLONES 30, 191, AND 4); 15% CABERNET FRANC; 5% PETIT VERDOT; 3% MALBEC; 2% MERLOT — ALL HARVESTED FROM THE GHIEMMETTI VINEYARD IN THE LIVERMORE VALLEY. ALCOHOL 14.6%.

FERMENTATION: AFTER DESTEMMING AND CRUSHING EACH VARIETY WAS FERMENTED SEPARATELY IN 1.5 TON OPEN-TOPPED FERMENTERS. FERMENTATION AND MACERATION LASTED FROM TWO TO FOUR WEEKS. MALO-LACTIC FERMENTATION WAS INDUCED IN BARREL.

AGING: FOUR OF THE FIVE BARRELS INCLUDED IN THIS BLEND WERE FRENCH OAK AND NEW. WE BELIEVE THAT CABERNET FRANC SHOWS ITS AROMATIC AND GUSTATORY COMPLEXITY MORE IN SECOND-USE BARREL THAN NEW SO A 2006 FRENCH OAK BARREL WAS INCLUDED. IN JANUARY 2009, THE FINAL ASSEMBLAGE WAS MADE AND RETURNED TO BARREL UNTIL BOTTLING IN JANUARY 2010.

TIME IN BARREL: 26 MONTHS | **BOTTLING DATE:** JANUARY 14, 2010 | **RELEASE DATE:** OCTOBER 17, 2010

BOTTLES PRODUCED • VINTAGE 2007 : 1,193 BOTTLES, 60 MAGNUMS, 10 DOUBLE-MAGNUMS, AND 10 FIVE-LITERS.