

# Darcie Kent

## VINEYARDS

*Started from her art studio in 1996, Darcie Kent Vineyards produces world-class, vineyard-focused wines from very particular vineyards in the Central Coast of California. 5th generation vintner and artist Darcie Kent paints each label, and runs the winery with her two daughters, Amanda and Kailyn Kent, 6th generation.*



## Merlot, Picazo Vineyard, 2010

**The vintage:** '10 exhibits red cherry and blueberry aromas, deepened with flavors of ripe plum. Structured with medium, round tannins, and a backbone of acidity, this wine is a perfect compliment to barbeque or grilled vegetables. A classic pit-fruit palate gives way to a lingering spice finish.

**The winemaking:** Hand-harvested, then cold soaked for 3 days. After a 14 day fermentation, it was basket pressed, then aged for 20 months in new and neutral French oak.

<b>Appellation</b>	Livermore Valley
<b>Total Cases</b>	1858
<b>Winemaker</b>	Julian Halasz
<b>Release Date</b>	February 2016
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.9%
<b>pH</b>	3.45
<b>TA</b>	6.3 g/L
<b>At our tasting room</b>	\$35 a btl

**The vineyard:** Situated in the cool foothills of southern Livermore, the gently sloping Picazo Vineyard provides spicy, fog-sealed fruit-- and a welcome sanctuary for a variety of local wildlife including foxes, turkeys and coyotes. Pam and José Picazo planted and began sustainably tending the vineyard in 2004

**Gold Medal Winner, San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition**