

Vida Valiente Gives Back With Every Bottle

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Proceeds from Vida Valiente's The Movement cabernet sauvignon support scholarship and mentorship for college students in need.
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Ardent fans of Napa Valley cabernet sauvignons adore the prestigious genre because of its opulence, ultra-polished tannins and successful combination of rustic earth and ripe fruit flavors. However, a special characteristic of one such bottle goes beyond tasting notes — to the heart. One hundred dollars from each and every sale of the sensational The Movement wine by Vida Valiente enables its namesake foundation to support first-generation, low-income students through their college journey via both scholarship and mentorship.

Vida Valiente is co-owned by a pair of husband-and-wife teams: **Hayes Drumwright** and **Susana Cueva Drumwright** and **Sam** and **Nancy Kaplan**. Sam is also the winemaker of Arkenstone Estate on Howell Mountain and for Napa Valley’s Memento Mori, which Hayes cofounded with two childhood friends. Given how outstanding those other two wineries are, it’s no surprise that Vida Valiente isn’t just about an important purpose — it’s a label with stellar wine, too.

The Movement is a blend sourced from three esteemed vineyards: the Vida Valiente Estate Vineyard by Glass Mountain in St. Helena, the iconic Beckstoffer To Kalon in Oakville and Coombsville’s High Ranch. A softer, nuanced cabernet sauvignon compared with many of its local peers, it relies more on finesse than sheer power and decadence. Blackberry and clove aromas arrive when the wine is poured, leading to an inky, juicy body full of cola and raspberry notes. The intriguing finish features subtle tastes of anise and espresso.

With Thanksgiving just days away, The Movement, with its theme of generosity, would be a wonderful choice for the table. Or looking ahead, an ideal pairing for Beef Wellington at a holiday feast. vidavalientewinery.com



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