



2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY

TASTING NOTES

The fruit for this wine is harvested by hand from the Ehret Family's estate Bavarian Lion Vineyards located in Knights Valley. The Knights Valley AVA is protected from the marine influence of the Pacific Ocean, making it the warmest AVA in Sonoma County. The vineyards on the estate range from 400-800 feet in elevation and are located just north of Calistoga and east of Alexander Valley, on the foothills of Mount St. Helena. The unique topography and soil content make this a most desirable area to grow Bordeaux and Northern Rhône grapes. The soil consists of well drained, very gravelly and sandy loams formed from mixed sedimentary and basic rock.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon smells like a fresh blackberry cobbler cooling on the kitchen window sill. So much so, that you would be forgiven for enjoying it quickly and thoroughly, only to be left with the memory of its pie filling core of fruit. That being said, if you somehow summon the fortitude to delay your gratification, you will be rewarded with nuances that would have otherwise been overlooked. It turns out that the black fruited core is surrounded by a red raspberry aura, and hemmed in by a lightly tacky and slightly pepperminty tannin structure. Then, this is all tied together beautifully by a lavender perfume that overpowers the senses if one takes the time to sit and continue to suspire, meditating on the aromas. Would that it were your mantra.

BLEND | 84.47% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 12.69% CABERNET FRANC, 2.85% PETITE VERDOT

PH | 3.66

TA | 0.59

AGING | 18 MONTHS, 59% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

PRODUCTION | 764 CASES

ALCOHOL | 15% BY VOLUME