



EHRET



**2017 BELLA'S
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

No wine screams terroir like the 2017 Bella's. While there is a core of dried black goji berries on the nose and palate, there is no escaping the earthy dust-like note that presents itself when the wine is viewed at all levels. Starting as calcaire on the nose, the dust quickly perks up on the palate amid notes of pink peppercorns and cherry compote and wanders off into the sunset on the finish like the anti-hero of a vintage Spaghetti Western flick. This is the essence of pure, 100% unadulterated Knights Valley bench grown fruit. This kind of fruit pops with a juicy umami note on the mid-palate, and finishes with tannins that are firm at first, but forgiving on the back end, akin to the care of an attentive parent from childhood to early adulthood.

**BLEND | 95.96% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
2.98% MALBEC, 1.06% MERLOT**

PH | 3.79

TA | 0.58

AGING | 18 MONTHS, 65% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

PRODUCTION | 315 CASES

ALCOHOL | 15.5% BY VOLUME