



2016 HILLSIDE RESERVE 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

Beckoning to you from the glass with nuances of huckleberry consommé, this expression of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon refuses for you to set it back down. Overpowering your senses with rich dark chocolate, the structure is awe-inspiring. The velvety richness that this well-proportioned wine exudes allows the tannins to ebb towards the boundaries of your palate before flowing forward to cleanse and rejuvenate. Setting the glass down after your first sip, you'll be treated to a slow flavor progression from the rough granite of the local terroir through to the ethereal floral perfume that leads you to your next sip.

BLEND | 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PH | 3.76

TA | 0.63

AGING | 18 MONTHS, 28% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

PRODUCTION | 207 CASES

ALCOHOL | 15.5% BY VOLUME