



EHRET



2018 HILLSIDE RESERVE RED WINE

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 Hillside Reserve Red is a bouillon of Bordeaux varieties. 74.89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9.2% Merlot, 6.95% Cabernet Franc, 5.22% Petit Verdot and 3.74% Malbec. Similar to the chateau wines after which it is modeled, the nose is reminiscent of dried rose petals, while the texture of the palate is long, linear and focused. The red currant fruit in the mid-palate is coupled with an aromatic reminiscent of the terrain of the Paris to Roubaix bike race. Held in mid-April, the race can feature damp earth, hot asphalt, slippery cobblestones, or a combination of any of the three. The mid-palate comes to a succinct finish with the juice of a French plum blended with a hint of hickory and reduced to a decadent barbecue sauce. Forgive us if your mouth is watering for some ribs right about now.

**BLEND | 74.89% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
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5.22% PETIT VERDOT, 3.74% MALBEC**

PH | 3.70

TA | 0.57

AGING | 18 MONTHS, 86.5% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

PRODUCTION | 80 CASES

ALCOHOL | 15.5% BY VOLUME