



Ehret 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Knights Valley

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.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

2015 was the fourth and final year of drought for California. The dry winter kicked off the growing season to a very early start. Flowering and fruit set were impeded somewhat, but the long, dry, often hot summer ripened the fruit perfectly. Harvest went smoothly under excellent weather. Yields were way down but that resulted in remarkably dense, plush fruit flavors and aromas.

Our 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon opens smooth upon entry, with a lifted palate of chocolate-covered cherries. The wine features long, lingering oak tannins that extend the palate on the back end. Expressing layers of fruits like Santa Rosa plum, red, and black cherries, the fruit provides a foundation upon which to showcase the vibrant flavors. Approachable but complex array of fresh fruit nuances. It drinks well now and will be exceptional for the next 5-8 years.

Technical Data:

Appellation:	Knights Valley, Sonoma County
Blend:	75.1% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20.6% Cabernet Franc, 4.3% Merlot
pH:	3.64
TA:	0.64
Barrel Aging:	18 months, 12% new French Oak barrels
Production:	470 cases
Alcohol:	15.4% by volume
Suggested Retail:	\$58



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