

# CHATEAU ST JEAN

## 2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

### VINEYARDS

The Knights Valley Cabernet is from our high elevation vineyards with rocky, well-draining soils. This warmer growing appellation is ideal for Bordeaux varieties and lend to wines known for their structure. Two primary vineyards make up this blend, lying between 500-1,400 feet in elevation, with a combination of soils from cobbly clay and sandy loam to ancient, weathered sandstone. These 30 year-old vines are planted on ridges of steep and rugged terrain flanked by ravines. The grapes tend to ripen later in the season, giving a long-hang time with balanced, ripe fruit and well-integrated tannins.

### VINTAGE

Minimal rainfall and mild temperatures contributed to drought-like conditions throughout Sonoma County. With a warmer than average winter and spring, budbreak was two weeks ahead of average. The summer was warm and dry with a few short heat spikes, resulting in long hang-time and beautifully ripened fruit.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes are sorted and destemmed before a 3-day cold soak. Pump overs are conducted one to two times daily for the duration of primary fermentation. Once fermentation is finished, the wine is drained and pressed to 85% French oak and 15% American oak (40% new barrels) for malolactic fermentation and 16 months of barrel aging.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a powerhouse wine. It opens with bold black cherry, black currant, and dark chocolate aromas. The palate offers abundant dark brambly fruit flavors - blackberry, blueberry, cocoa, and spice. Velvety tannins carry this wine through the long, elegant finish. Enjoy paired with bacon-wrapped dates stuffed with goat cheese, lamb chops with garlic and herbs, or a variety of hearty meat dishes.

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#### APPELLATION

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#### VARIETAL

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec, 2% Merlot

#### OAK

85% French oak and 15% American oak, 40% new

#### AGING

16 months

#### ALCOHOL

14.5%

#### T.A.

5.9 g/L

#### PH

3.75