

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2021 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 1974 with our first vintage of single vineyard Chardonnay. Now celebrating our golden anniversary, we are proud to release this inaugural Cabernet Sauvignon with continued dedication to Sonoma County and the special vineyard sites 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

Although we experienced an unusually rainy period in April, drought-like conditions in Sonoma County continued in 2021. With some rain in the winter months, spring temperatures were cooler, with bud break occurring one week later than average. Summer temperatures were above average with less nightly fog and cloud cover. With minimal irrigation, the grapes were ready for harvesting in October.

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 100% French oak (35% new barrels) for malolactic fermentation and 18 months of barrel aging.

TASTING NOTES

Our Knight's Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of rich plum, cassis, dark toffee, nutmeg and cedar. Bold, full and round, the palate bursts with black cherry cobbler, cocoa nibs, fresh leather with a hint of anise. This wine is refined and age-worthy.

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APPELLATION	Knights Valley
VARIETAL	Cabernet Sauvignon 80% Malbec 10% Merlot 10%
OAK	100% French oak, 35% new
AGING	18 months
ALCOHOL	14.8%
T.A.	6.09 g/100ml
pH	3.67