

ST. HELENA WINE CENTER

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Greetings!

Perhaps you heard? Knights Bridge seemingly arrived out of nowhere and made one of the biggest splashes in recent memory. A winery that's become something of an obscure SHWC favorite, it's made instant die-hard fanatics out of everyone who trusts us enough to try a bottle. In fact, ranking as one of our top five "repeat customer-order" wines is no easy task for **A)** something outside of Napa Valley and **B)** above many price limits. Yet there is something impactful and magnetic that winemaker **Jeff Ames (Tor Kenward, Outpost, Schrader, and most importantly, Recently Married)** coaxes out of this Knights Valley estate that could send you into a numinous zone if you're not careful.

Have you thrown caution to the wind with an already-famous winery from these northerly parts that our friend *Don Pedro Miguel* says can rival the best in Napa. If you agree, (which we do), then walk further on the path less-traveled and welcome the glowing feeling that comes from discovering more spectacular wines!

2007 Knights Bridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

This estate-bottled Cabernet is perhaps one of the greatest non-Napa Cabernets we've come across. Planted on distinctly volcanic soil, this highly concentrated red is dramatically structured: it is a wine which, unfolded by a decanter, provides deep aromas of black currant, cedar, dried violets. A gorgeous palate of plum confection, touches of wet slate, ripe black fruit, and bitter-sweet chocolate eases into a long, sinewy yet creamy finish that bodes well for levity in longevity. **250 Cases Made**
750ml: \$95.00 NET

2008 Knights Bridge Knights Valley Chardonnay - West Block

It's a little hard to describe just how good this Chardonnay is. Think "what could it possibly offer at sixty five dollars that can't be had at thirty?" Whatever answer you come up with, that's exactly correct (save world peace). I think this may have to get the nod as one of the most uniquely delicious "big-styled" Chards in beautiful California's loaded arsenal. Shimmering light gold in color, this displays a nose of sweet cream, spiced pear, and honeysuckle. A wonderfully layered palate offers papaya, quince and peaches, and the marathon finish runs on with citrus and sweet oak traces. **200 Cases Made**
750ml: \$65.00 NET

We couldn't think what other wines to add after this delicious duo.... They truly stand alone and are entirely worthy of distinct attention. Quantities are limited, but proprietor and local St. Helenan **Tim Carl** has promised to make enough available for those who open this email a little while after being sent.

Enjoy!