

Knights Bridge



2019 KNIGHTS BRIDGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON CHRISTOBEL

VINEYARD COLLECTION

Our Vineyard Collection wines highlight unique characteristics from specific blocks. These place- and terroir-driven wines reflect a pure expression of our estate vineyard in Knights Valley. Each block name is grounded in family history to reflect and honor our values. Christobel Kotelawela Weerasinghe was mother and mother-in-law to Knights Bridge proprietors Menakka and Essel Bailey. Wife of the Sri Lankan envoy to the US, she served as a cultural ambassador at the United Nations and shared her love of music and dance by creating books, recordings, and a radio show for children that was nominated for a Peabody Award. Charming, gracious, elegant, and poised, she lived a life of service to others, returning to Sri Lanka to teach English, music, and dance to underprivileged children.

WINEMAKING

Block II features the Goulding Soil Series, a mix of volcanic and sedimentary soil found on slopes with patches of rocky red clay. The older vines planted in 1995 on this block's sundrenched terraces impart aromatic, high-toned red fruit characteristics, delivering a singular wine with a lift of acidity, tension and minerality. The grapes are night-harvested by hand, sorted, and destemmed, then undergo a 72-hour cold soak before beginning traditional fermentation with two pump overs per day for 10 days. The wine is then aged in 60% new French oak from Saury and Taransaud forests.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Christobel displays the distinctive character of a mountain wine, with the red volcanic soil reflecting every nuance of Cabernet Sauvignon. It debuts with deep saturated color and beguiling aromas of morello cherry, sage, and forest floor. The palate delivers a real punch with mulberry, exotic spice and cinnamon. The acidity shines in this wine, making it savory and mouthwatering, inviting a second sip. Drink now through 2040.



AVA	Knights Valley
VINEYARD	Knights Bridge Estate Vineyard
BLOCK	II
VINE AGE	25 years
CLONE	8
VARIETY	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST DATE	October 11, 2019

COOPERAGE	20 months in 60% new French oak
ALCOHOL	14.5%
BOTTLING DATE	July 21, 2021
RELEASE DATE	September 1, 2022
CASES	312
PRICE	\$175