



## 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon

## **ESTATE**

KNIGHTS BRIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD KNIGHTS VALLEY

AVA Knights Valley

VARIETIES 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec

HARVEST DATES September 22 - October 24, 2022

AGING 20 months, 70% new French oak

COOPERS Taransaud, Slyvain, Orion, Saury

ALCOHOL 14.4% PH 3.8 TA  $6.0 \, \mathrm{g/L}$ 

BOTTLING DATE July 16, 2022

RELEASE DATE September I, 2025

CASES 700

CELLARING Drink now through 2046

VINTAGE The 2022 growing season delivered a lighter than average crop with smaller berries and cluster sizes of stellar quality. Winter rains led to earlier than typical bud break and were followed by successful fruit set in spring. Mild temperatures through most of summer allowed fruit to ripen at a moderate pace and develop ideal flavors. A heat wave in early September brought an earlier and faster harvest to ensure all fruit was picked at optimum ripeness.

MONTHLY AVERAGE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
-,0.	64.4	70.1	71.0	71.3	79.4	88.2	92.1	94.3	92.2	81.8	65.5	56.1
*	38.5	36.4	41.3	42.1	46.5	52.3	52.1	54.3	53.4	46.0	36.0	37.0
	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3

WINEMAKING Harvested in the early morning hours from September 22 to October 24, the fruit was sorted, de-stemmed and cold soaked for 24 hours, fermented on the skins for 2I days, then aged for 20 months in a mix of 70% new Taransaud, Sylvain, Orion and Saury French oak barrels.

VINEYARD Sourced from blocks 10A, 10D, 11, 15, B-8, 3A, 3B and 17A, ranging from 450 to 600 feet in elevation, the fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon is grown in a mix of clay, gravelly and sandy loam soils. Cabernet Sauvignon blocks 10A, 10D, 11 and 15 bring dark fruit notes, chocolate undertones and exotic spice, Malbec block B-8 provides structure and well-balanced acidity, Merlot blocks 3A and 3B contribute red fruit and savory characters, and Petit Verdot block 17A offers deep color, lush mouthfeel and floral notes.

## VINEYARD BLOCK DETAIL

BLOCK	ELEVATION	ASPECT	VARIETAL	SOIL	TRELLIS	CLONE(S)	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
IOA	600 ft	NW	Cabernet Sauvignon	Goulding	VSP	337 NC	3,943	2.65	6.5 x 4.5	2013
10D	600 ft	NW	Cabernet Sauvignon	Goulding	VSP	7	2,621	1.76	6.5 x 4.5	2013
11	500 ft	W/SW	Cabernet Sauvignon	Goulding	VSP	8	884	1.26	12 x 6	1995
15	550 ft	NW	Cabernet Sauvignon	Laniger	VSP	169	4,252	2.73	7 x 4	2009
B-8	450 ft	NE	Malbec	Luna	VSP	595	1,288	1.5	10 x 5	1995
3A	450 ft	NE	Merlot	Los Robles	VSP	VCR-I	1,702	1.14	6.5 x 4.5	2012
3B	450 ft	NE	Merlot	Los Robles	VSP	15 (181)	1,078	.72	6.5 x 4.5	2012
17A	550 ft	NE	Petit Verdot	Laniger	VSP	400	1,496	.96	7 x 4	2009

ACCOLADES

94 Decanter | 92 Wine Advocate

