

Vision

Knights Bridge Winery was built with the singular goal of producing exceptional wine from an exceptional place. Inspiration was derived from the wild beauty of Knights Valley and the sublime grandeur of Mt. St. Helena, as well as the desire to create a structure that will have permanency for future generations. Kelley and Jim Bailey's unwavering focus and purpose are anchored in both the vineyard and the cellar to express the estate through wines that transcend the vintage and give voice to the property.

About Knights Bridge

Knights Bridge is a family-owned winery that produces 100% estate-grown wines. The organically farmed vineyard rests on ancient soils created by a volcano eruption 3.79 million years ago. It is a singular property of 80 planted acres that rises from 450 to 950 feet in elevation on the rocky slopes of the Mayacamas mountain range. Cooling marine influences from San Pablo Bay, the Russian River, and the Pacific Ocean contribute to a restrained and elegant wine style. The vineyard features an exceptionally diverse array of facings, slopes, elevations, and soil types, and each of the 43 blocks are planted to discrete varieties, clones, and rootstock. The winery was designed by Howard Backen in close collaboration with the winemaking team and completed in 2021. Constructed almost entirely underground, the facility includes an optical sorting table, concrete and stainless eggs, remotely operated fermentation tanks custom-sized to each vineyard block, and separate climate-controlled rooms for vinification and aging.

A Sustainable Winery

The Knights Bridge Winery approach to sustainability is holistic, quality-focused and evolving, and it encompasses every aspect of the business. As stewards of our estate, we consider not only our environmental impact, but economic and social implications as well. This view of sustainability is what drives our focus, investment, and effort.

Organic The vineyard was officially certified organic by CCOF with the 2024 vintage, contributing to a healthy estate that includes wildlife, native grasses and trees, beneficial insects, and diverse fungi.

DRY-FARM Planted in 1991, our West Block Chardonnay employs an innovative stake trellis system that allows us to head-prune and dry-farm, ensuring airflow and shade with a perfectly uniform canopy, as well as reduce risk of disease.

VINEYARD Regenerative agriculture sequesters approximately 6,000 tons of CO2 annually on the estate and water use is reduced through longer intervals of precise irrigation utilizing neutron probes, double poly drip system, as well as cane pruning and cover crops that are planted in sync with the needs of each block.

WATER Water use at the winery averages 60% less than a typical American home and our Cloacina harvests grey water for all non-potable uses. We employ high tech methods like UV light to sanitize barrels and tanks and low-tech practices like planning workflow for the most efficient water use.

ARCHITECTURE Cave construction is highly efficient, sustainable, and low maintenance for generations and the new winery location minimized impact with slope, mountain, and cave all converging perfectly.

PEOPLE We support dozens of community-based non-profits and endeavor to create a more sustainable and supportive work environment for our Knights Bridge team.





Winemaker

Derek Baljeu attended U.C. Davis, where he earned both his BS and MS in Viticulture and Enology while also playing Aggie football as a tight end. In 2019, Derek joined Knights Bridge Winery as Enologist and then was promoted to Winemaker in 2021. His role is primarily to create beauty by cultivating the truest expression of the vineyard. Derek has a deep affinity for the estate, deriving meaning and inspiration from its sparse, rhyolitic soils and obsessing over every detail to craft balanced, age-worthy, and refined wines.

Today, Derek continues to elevate Knights Bridge Winery's reputation while pursuing personal and professional growth. He has broadened his global perspective by traveling through France and studying Enology and Terroir at the University of Bordeaux. At home, he has recently completed the Wine Executive MBA at Sonoma State University and participated in Napa Valley Vintners' Leadership Program, reflecting his commitment to both the craft of winemaking and the community.



Wines

ESTATE

Sauvignon Blanc, Pont de Chevalier Chardonnay, Pont de Chevalier Chardonnay, West Block Chardonnay, East Block Haggerty Road Red Blend Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate

VINEYARD COLLECTION

Our Vineyard Collection wines highlight unique characteristics from specific blocks These placeand terroir-driven wines reflect a pure expression of our estate vineyard in Knights Valley and winemaker Derek Baljeu's guiding hand to bring out their highest qualities. Each block name is grounded in family history and our rural roots to reflect and honor our values.

Sauvignon Blanc, Fairview Chardonnay, Kelley Cabernet Sauvignon, Christobel Cabernet Sauvignon, Linville

Draco Dormiere

A pure, highly specific expression of the vineyard with dynamic elements coming together in harmony, Draco Dormiere possesses an enigmatic personality that magnifies the unmistakable essence of the estate. Multidimensional in every respect, the palate is expansive, with a luxurious profile of fruit and plush texture. It is a soaring wine that deftly balances decadence and pleasure with a classic structure.

Draco Dormiere Red Blend





