

Knights Bridge



KNIGHTS BRIDGE WINERY

HISTORY

In 2006, Jim Bailey purchased an 83-acre parcel of land with hillside vineyards in Knights Valley, the perfect spot to produce exceptional Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. Along with his brother Essel Bailey, and longtime friend Tom Costin, he began his journey into wine and founded Knights Bridge with the singular goal of producing world-class wines. Understanding that great wine starts in the vineyard, the team dedicated themselves to analyzing each vineyard block for perfect synergy between specific soils, varieties, and clones. They adopted new, sustainable vineyard management techniques, replanted portions of the estate, and hired a team of seasoned professionals who shared their ambition to produce the best wines possible. This year, Jim embarked on a long-awaited project to build a small winery on the estate, which will be completed in mid-2021.

MISSION

We are guided by a commitment to excellence, a deep respect for nature, a love of wine and food, and a desire to share the remarkable beauty of Knights Bridge vineyard. Each day our team strives together in the pursuit of excellence, from sustainable farming methods and small lot wine production to unique tasting experiences. We invite you to join us in celebration of friendship, family, and the promise of great vintages to come.

KNIGHTS VALLEY AVA

Situated at the foot of ancient volcanic Mount St. Helena, just north of Calistoga, beautiful and remote Knights Valley features an untamed landscape of cattle ranches, small farms and 2,000 vineyard acres. Located in a narrow valley bordering the Mayacamas mountain range that divides Sonoma and Napa Counties, this easternmost Sonoma County appellation is also the warmest viticulture region in the county. Within this rural sanctuary, sparse rhyolitic soils are sheltered from the Pacific Ocean's strong cooling influence, while evening temperatures are moderated by elevation, resulting in beautifully balanced Sauvignon Blanc, elegant Chardonnay, and age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon.





KNIGHTS BRIDGE ESTATE

Nestled on the pristine, undeveloped west side of the valley, our organically farmed vineyard rises to 900 feet in elevation on the rocky slopes of the Mayacamas mountain range, at the perfect intersection of climate and location. The vineyard features a diverse array of facings, slopes, and soil types, and each block is planted to discrete varieties, clones, and rootstock. Each vintage, our vision is to make wines of energy and purpose that are unmistakable expressions of our estate terroir, resulting in beautifully balanced Sauvignon Blanc, elegant Chardonnay, and age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINEMAKING

Douglas Danielak graduated from Michigan State University, and later U.C. Davis earning a BS in Viticulture and Enology. He also attended the Lycée Agricole et Viticole de Beaune in Burgundy. During his time in France, Douglas worked with Rebecca Wasserman at Le Serbet gaining in-depth knowledge of barrels from cooperages Francois Frères and Taransaud. In 1988, Douglas began crafting wines for some of the most admired wineries in Sonoma and Napa counties, and in 2006 joined our winemaking team. During his award-winning career, Douglas has received both critical praise and high scores. In 2014, Wine Spectator named Douglas a Winemaker to Watch.

