

Wine Advocate Scores – December 2019 + January 2020

Sauvignon Blanc

Wine: 2017 Knights Bridge Sauvignon Blanc, Pont de Chevalier

Rating: 91

Price: \$40

Drink Date: 2020 - 2025

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

Issue Date: 19th Dec 2019

Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2017 Sauvignon Blanc Pont de Chevalier offers very pretty aromas of beeswax, jasmine and papaya over a core of warm peach, lime peel, crushed stone and kiwi tart. Medium to full-bodied, it's rounded and very expressive in the mouth with honeyed tinges and oodles of floral character, framed with tangy acidity and finished textured. I appreciate the balance of expressive fruit and oak influence in this Sauvignon Blanc.

Wine: 2018 Knights Bridge Sauvignon Blanc, Fairview

Rating: 89

Price: \$70

Drink Date: 2020 - 2022

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

Issue Date: 19th Dec 2019

Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2018 Sauvignon Blanc Fairview, aged seven months in 15% new French oak and the remainder in stainless, gives up scents of baker's yeast, lemongrass, lemon and lime peel and quince with a floral current, plus touches of stone and dried herbs. The palate is light-bodied, clean and fresh with a citrus-floral focus and yeasty finish. 186 cases produced.

Wine: 2018 Knights Bridge KB Estate Sauvignon Blanc

Rating: 87

Price: \$30

Drink Date: 2020 - 2021

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

Issue Date: 19th Dec 2019

Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2018 KB Estate Sauvignon Blanc is delicately scented of baker's yeast, quince and poached pears with notes of stone, kiwi, tarragon and touches of white blossoms. It's light-bodied and very yeasty in the mouth with just enough freshness on the finish. 543 cases produced.

Chardonnay

Wine: 2017 Knights Bridge Chardonnay East Block

Rating: 95

Price: \$75

Drink Date: 2020 - 2030

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

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Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2017 Chardonnay East Block has very pretty scents of jasmine, orange blossom, honeycomb, ginger and brioche with touches of lemon curd, hazelnut and a stone fruit core. Medium to full-bodied and satiny, it's rich and powerful in the mouth with intense flavor layers, zesty acidity and an incredibly long, energetic finish. Wow!

Wine: 2017 Knights Bridge Chardonnay, West Block

Rating: 95

Price: \$75

Drink Date: 2020 - 2030

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

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Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2017 Chardonnay West Block has a singular nose of salted grapefruit, saline and mushroom with bright lemon and lime citrus accents, countered by honeycomb, pastry and a core of tropical fruits. Medium to full-bodied and with a satiny texture, it bursts in the mouth with very intense, savory layers lifted by lively acidity and finishing very long. This is a powerful and dense but expressive Chardonnay.

Wine: 2017 Knights Bridge Chardonnay, Pont de Chevalier

Rating: 94

Price: \$50

Drink Date: 2020 - 2030

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

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Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The aromas of the 2017 Chardonnay Pont de Chevalier slowly unfurl to reveal salted grapefruit, orange oil, kiwi tart, lime peel and lemon curd with touches of saline, stone and warm peaches. Medium to full-bodied with a satiny texture, it fleshes out to perfumed, savory layers in the mouth. It's powerful but refreshed by lively acidity and finishes energetic and minerally. This is a lovely, singular expression.

Red Blend

Wine: 2016 Knights Bridge KB Estate Red Blend

Rating: 88

Price: \$50

Drink Date: 2020 - 2023

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

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Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2016 KB Estate Red Blend is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Medium to deep ruby colored, it's scented of cassis, mint chocolate, black plums, cedar and tobacco with a layer of sweet spice. Medium to full-bodied, it's straightforward in the mouth with a grainy frame and good freshness on the finish. 140 cases produced.

Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine: 2016 Knights Bridge Cabernet Sauvignon

Rating: 91

Price: \$115

Drink Date: 2020 - 2030

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

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Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: Deep ruby-purple, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon has a classic nose of crème-de cassis, cedar, leather, cigar box, pencil lead, cocoa and black cherries with notes of savory herbs, exotic spices and red cherries. Medium to full-bodied, it's plush and giving in the mouth, with grainy tannins and just enough juicy acidity, finishing long on a mineral note.

Wine: 2016 Knights Bridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Collinwood

Rating: 90

Price: \$150

Drink Date: 2020 - 2025

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

Issue Date: 19th Dec 2019

Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Collinwood aged 20 months in 100% new French oak. Deep ruby-black in color, it offers up scents of crème de cassis, chocolate mint, cedar, cardamom, potpourri and red cherry hints with touches of coffee bean. Full-bodied, it has good interplay of ripe fruit and oak spice, with a firm but finely grained frame and good freshness on the finish. 45 cases were made.

Wine: 2016 Knights Bridge Cabernet Sauvignon Linville

Rating: 89

Price: \$150

Drink Date: 2020 - 2024

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

Issue Date: 19th Dec 2019

Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Linville aged 20 months in 100% new French oak. Deep ruby-black in color, it opens to scents of fresh tobacco leaves, crushed blackcurrants, baked blackberries and red cherry sparks with accents of cedar, rooibos tea leaves and cigars. The palate is full-bodied, dense and firm with a somewhat astringent frame that's a disappointment after the promising aromatics. 47 cases were made.

Wine: 2016 Knights Bridge KB Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Rating: 88

Price: \$60

Drink Date: 2020 - 2023

Reviewed by: Erin Brooks

Issue Date: 19th Dec 2019

Source: December 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate

Tasting Notes: The 2016 KB Estate Cabernet Sauvignon contains 4% Merlot and was aged 20 months in 50% new French oak. Deep ruby-purple, it opens with cedar, cardamom and a layer of new oak spice over cassis, roasted plums and cocoa. The palate is full-bodied with notes of dried herbs and blackcurrant bud coming through. It has a firm, gently chewy frame and good freshness to lift the finish. This has too much apparent new oak. 460 cases produced.