



EHRET



**2016 BELLA'S
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

KNIGHTS VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

TASTING NOTES

The fruit for this wine is harvested by hand from the Ehret Family's estate Bavarian Lion Vineyards located in Knights Valley. The Knights Valley AVA is protected from the marine influence of the Pacific Ocean, making it the warmest AVA in Sonoma County. The vineyards on the estate range from 400-800 feet in elevation and are located just north of Calistoga and east of Alexander Valley, on the foothills of Mount St. Helena. The unique topography and soil content make this a most desirable area to grow Bordeaux and Northern Rhône grapes. The soil consists of well drained, very gravelly and sandy loams formed from mixed sedimentary and basic rock.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2016 Bella's Blend jumps out of the glass with a complex blend of ripe olallieberry and quince paste on the nose. Primarily Cabernet Sauvignon (at 98%) the wine benefits greatly from the 2% Merlot blended in for its bright fruit and softer structure. The mid palate's richness, exhibiting both sweet and umami attributes, is reinforced by complimentary flavors reminiscent of toasted cacao nibs. Softly liting on the palate, each of Bella's most alluring attributes comes to the foreground before slowly disappearing into the ether.

**BLEND | 97.35% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
2.65% MERLOT**

PH | 3.75

TA | 0.63

AGING | 18 MONTHS, 50.4% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

PRODUCTION | 380 CASES

ALCOHOL | 15.5% BY VOLUME