



EHRET



2016 MERLOT

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 Merlot unleashes an abundance of dense fruit flavors on the palate. Waves of Santa Rosa plum, black raspberry and red cherry, integrated with light olive notes, open up to layers of hot cocoa infused with vanilla. The rich aromatics upfront, lead to a similarly rich savory mouth feel supported by a well-proportioned structure of lithe tannins. In the end, it's the copious layering of fruit notes that are the hallmark of this bottling.

BLEND | 85.3% MERLOT, 14.7% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PH | 3.59

TA | 0.63

AGING | 18 MONTHS, 22% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

PRODUCTION | 185 CASES

ALCOHOL | 15.5% BY VOLUME