



**E H R E T**



**2017 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 2017 Merlot nose entices with dried flower petal potpourri notes accented with a dash white pepper. On the first sip, the vibrancy of tree ripened Bing cherries pops on the palate, as the wine slowly unfurls into a smooth and softly viscous rendition. Candle wax, pureed raspberries, and bay leaf are all brought to mind as the mid-palate transitions to a softly structured finish reminiscent of the Barbera wines of Piemonte. Smelling the empty glass, the essences of cotton candy and caramel encourage you to pour another glass.

**BLEND | 84% MERLOT, 16% CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**PH | 3.72**

**TA | 0.56**

**AGING | 18 MONTHS, 40% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS**

**PRODUCTION | 104 CASES**

**ALCOHOL | 15.5% BY VOLUME**