



EHRET



**2016 HILLSIDE RESERVE
RED WINE**

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

What is not to like about this proprietary blend of the 5 main Bordeaux varieties? At 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 9% Malbec, 1.5% Cabernet Franc and 1.5% Petit Verdot, this wine is both complex and well-integrated. Unfolding layers of black currant and French plums are accented by what the bit players bring to the ensemble. Petit Verdot with its inky black depths, the fresh blueberry torte that is the Malbec and Cabernet Franc with its exotic unprocessed coffee berry notes, are irreplaceable. Within this framework of ripe, supple tannins each variety brings its best to the table for the betterment of the blend.

BLEND | 77.22% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
11.40% MERLOT, 9.12% MALBEC,
1.13% CABERNET FRANC,
1.13% PETIT VERDOT

PH | 3.69

TA | 0.63

AGING | 18 MONTHS, 87.5% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

PRODUCTION | 52 CASES

ALCOHOL | 15.5% BY VOLUME