



EHRET



**2018 HILLSIDE RESERVE
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 black raspberry compote nose of the 2018 Hillside Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon blasts out of the glass with complete and total abandon. This belies the velvety smooth structure that relaxes out on the mid-palate. This truly is the filet mignon of our Cabernets. Its rich fruit flavors oscillate in and out, showing bright acidity notes juxtaposed with the sweet juiciness of farmer's market produce, copycatting the complex flavors of a black pepper and white balsamic fruit salad. The finishing touch, as with all flavor symphonies such as this, is just the right amount of savory spice to round out the concerto. In this case, it is the hint of star anise on the finish that piques the audience member's interest and lends an air of restraint to the otherwise ostentatious display of riches.

BLEND | 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PH | 3.70

TA | 0.56

AGING | 18 MONTHS, 78% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

PRODUCTION | 206 CASES

ALCOHOL | 15.5% BY VOLUME