

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

The Knights Valley Cabernet is from our high elevation vineyards with rocky, well-draining soils. This warmer growing appellation is ideal for Bordeaux varieties and lend to wines known for their structure. Two primary vineyards make up this blend, lying between 500-1,400 feet in elevation, with a combination of soils from cobbly clay and sandy loam to ancient, weathered sandstone. These 30 year-old vines are planted on ridges of steep and rugged terrain flanked by ravines. The grapes tend to ripen later in the season, giving a long-hang time with balanced, ripe fruit and well-integrated tannins.

VINTAGE

Minimal rainfall and mild temperatures contributed to drought-like conditions throughout Sonoma County. With a warmer than average winter and spring, budbreak was two weeks ahead of average. The summer was warm and dry with a few short heat spikes, resulting in long hang-time and beautifully ripened fruit.

WINEMAKING

Grapes are sorted and destemmed before a 3-day cold soak. Pump overs are conducted one to two times daily for the duration of primary fermentation. Once fermentation is finished, the wine is drained and pressed to 85% French oak and 15% American oak (40% new barrels) for malolactic fermentation and 16 months of barrel aging.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a powerhouse wine. It opens with bold black cherry, black currant, and dark chocolate aromas. The palate offers abundant dark brambly fruit flavors - blackberry, blueberry, cocoa, and spice. Velvety tannins carry this wine through the long, elegant finish. Enjoy paired with bacon-wrapped dates stuffed with goat cheese, lamb chops with garlic and herbs, or a variety of hearty meat dishes.

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APPELLATION	Sonoma County
VARIETAL	96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec, 2% Merlot
OAK	85% French oak and 15% American oak, 40% new
AGING	16 months
ALCOHOL	14.5%
T.A.	5.9 g/L
PH	3.75