# Draco Dormiere 2021

Knights Bridge Estate Vineyard Blocks 10D, 10A, 3A, B8, 17A, 16 Knights Valley



Knights Bridge Winery was built with the singular goal of producing exceptional wine from an exceptional place. Inspiration was derived from the wild beauty of Knights Valley and the sublime grandeur of Mt. St. Helena, as well as the desire to create a structure that will have permanency for future generations. Kelley and Jim Bailey's unwavering focus and purpose are anchored in both the vineyard and the cellar to express the estate through wines that transcend the vintage and give voice to the property.

## WINE

The 2021 Draco Dormiere is a striking blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot planted in white-ash tuff and rhyolitic soils. A pure, highly specific expression of the vineyard with dynamic elements coming together in harmony, Draco Dormiere possesses an enigmatic personality that magnifies the unmistakable essence of the estate. Multidimensional in every respect, the palate is expansive, with a luxurious profile of fruit and plush texture. This inaugural vintage is a soaring wine that deftly balances decadence and pleasure with a classic structure.

# AVA Knights Valley

VARIETIES 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 15% Malbec, 15% Petit Verdot, 8% Cabernet Franc

## HARVEST DATE October 24, 2021

AGING 20 months in 85% new French oak

## COOPERAGE Darnajou, Taransaud

ALCOHOL 14.5% PH 4.0 TA 5.5 g/L

BOTTLING DATE July 25, 2023

RELEASE DATE March 1, 2024

CELLARING Drink now through 2045

CASES 296

#### ESTATE VINEYARD BLOCK DETAIL

## BLOCK 10D | CABERNET SAUVIGNON | ELEVATION 600 FT

SOIL	ROOTSTOCK	CLONE(S)	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Goulding	420A	7	2,621	1.76	6.5 x 4.5	2013

#### BLOCK 10A | CABERNET SAUVIGNON | ELEVATION 600 FT

SOIL	ROOTSTOCK	CLONE(S)	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Goulding	1103P	337 NC	3,943	2.65	6.5 x 4.5	2013

#### BLOCK 3A | MERLOT | ELEVATION 450 FT

SOIL	ROOTSTOCK	CLONE(S)	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Los Robles	Riparia	VCR-1	1,702	1.14	6.5 x 4.5	2012

### BLOCK B8 | MALBEC | ELEVATION 450 FT

SOIL	ROOTSTOCK	CLONE(S)	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Goulding	1103P	595	1,288	1.5	10 x 5	1995

## BLOCK 17A | PETIT VERDOT | ELEVATION 550 FT

SOIL	ROOTSTOCK	CLONE(S)	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Laniger	1103P	400	1,496	.96	7 x 4	2009

# BLOCK 16 | CABERNET FRANC | ELEVATION 500 FT

SOIL	ROOTSTOCK	CLONE(S)	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Laniger	1103P	214	1,445	.93	7 x 4	2009

# **ACCOLADES**

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