

2021 CHRISTOBEL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS BRIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD
BLOCKS 11 & 14
KNIGHTS VALLEY

VINEYARD COLLECTION

Our Vineyard Collection wines highlight unique characteristics from specific blocks. These place and terroir-driven wines reflect a pure expression of our estate vineyard in Knights Valley and winemaker Derek Baljeu's guiding hand to bring out their highest qualities. Each block name is grounded in family and our rural roots to reflect and honor our values. This distinctive Cabernet honors Christobel Kotelawela Weerasinghe, mother and mother-in-law to Knights Bridge proprietors Menakka and Essel Bailey.



Knights Bridge

AVA Knights Valley

VARIETY 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST DATE September 15-27, 2021

AGING 20 months in 75% new French oak

COOPERAGE Baron, Darnajou

ALCOHOL 14.5% PH 3.8 TA 5.7 g/L

BOTTLING DATE July 25, 2023 RELEASE DATE September 1, 2024

CELLARING Drink now through 2042 CASES 213

BLOCK 11

VARIETAL	SOIL	ROOTSTOCK	CLONE(S)
Cabernet Sauvignon	Goulding	5C	8
ACRES/VINES	ELEVATION	SPACING	PLANTED
1.26/884	500 feet	12 x 6	1995

BLOCK 14

VARIETAL	SOIL	ROOTSTOCK	CLONE(S)
Cabernet Sauvignon	Laniger	5C	8
ACRES/VINES	ELEVATION	SPACING	PLANTED
3.78/2,601	900 feet	12 x 6	1995

VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season began cooler than usual with occasional light rains, bringing budbreak slightly later than expected. Spring and summer were mostly dry, but without the long, lingering heatwaves of recent years, allowing fruit to ripen at a normal rate. Higher temperatures in the late summer and early fall brought an earlier and faster harvest to ensure all fruit was picked at optimum ripeness. Crop yields were lighter than average, but with intense flavor profiles and outstanding quality.

WINEMAKING

Christobel is a prized single vineyard planted on a steep amphitheater, creating a wine that is as dramatic as its panoramic view. This sweeping terrace of old vines planted in the 1990s enjoys exposures facing three cardinal points: due north, east, and west. The grapes are night-harvested by hand, sorted, and destemmed, then undergo a 72-hour cold soak before beginning traditional fermentation with two pump overs per day for 10 days. Aged for 20 months in 75% new French oak, we chose fine grain low toast barrels for this Cabernet to preserve aromatic complexity.

ACCOLADES

95 James Suckling

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