

Knights Bridge

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon ESTATE

KNIGHTS BRIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD
KNIGHTS VALLEY



AVA Knights Valley

VARIETY 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot

BLOCKS I0B, II, I5, I4, I7A, 3A

ELEVATION 450 - 900 feet

SOILS Goulding, Laniger, Los Robles

CLONES See-NC, 8, I69, 400, VCR-I

HARVEST DATES September 2I - October I5, 202I

AGING 20 months, 70% new French Oak

COOPERAGE Sylvain, Orion

ALCOHOL I4.5%

PH 3.75

TA 5.9 g/L

BOTTLING DATE July 25, 2023

RELEASE DATE September I, 2024

CASES 3I0

CELLARING Drink now through 2027



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

The fruit for the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon comes from blocks I0B (Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone See-NC), II (Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 8), I5 (Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone I69), I4 (Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 8), I7A (Petit Verdot, Clone 400) and 3A (Merlot, Clone VCR-I) on the estate vineyard. Winemaker Derek Baljeu has a lot to choose from, as the site, with its multiple elevations, facings, and diverse soils, is a singular property within the Knights Valley Appellation that allows for a compelling range of wines. Harvested in the early morning hours from September 2I to October I5, the fruit was sorted, destemmed and cold soaked for 24 hours, fermented on the skins for 2I days, then aged for 20 months in a mix of 70% new and 30% neutral Sylvain and Orion French oak barrels.