

DRACO DORMIERE

2023

Knights Bridge Estate Vineyard
Blocks 10A, 10D, 3A, 37, 17A, 16
Knights Valley



VISION

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

Draco Dormiere brings together all five red Bordeaux varieties in a wine of depth and intensity, where beauty and darkness, power and restraint exist in a compelling tension. Drawn from every block, soil, aspect, and elevation of the vineyard, it is the pure essence of the Knights Bridge estate. Inky and deeply aromatic, the 2023 Draco Dormiere reveals layers of black cherry, blueberry, cassis, and pomegranate, accented by violets, lavender, licorice, and graphite. Full-bodied and remarkably poised, the palate is rich and velvety, framed by finely chiseled tannins and vibrant acidity. Deep mineral and savory notes add dimension and lift, carrying the wine to a seamless, persistent finish.

AVA Knights Valley

VARIETIES 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Malbec,
13% Cabernet Franc, 13% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot

HARVEST DATES October 13-31, 2023

AGING 20 months in 80% new French oak

COOPERAGE Darnajou, Taransaud, Sylvain, Saury, Seguin Moreau,
Orion, Bel Air

ALCOHOL 14.5% PH 3.9 TA 6.0 g/L

BOTTLING DATE July 25, 2025

RELEASE DATE October 1, 2026

CELLARING Drink now through 2047 CASES 573

MONTHLY AVERAGE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
☀	57.6	59.7	57.2	73.5	77.4	81.5	92.6	91.2	82.2	81.3	70.3	66.3
☀	38.2	31.6	36.5	38.4	45.9	48.7	50.7	53.4	48.5	40.2	31.3	33.5
💧	0.35	0.11	0.34	0.03	0.04	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.01	0.0	0.0

ESTATE VINEYARD BLOCK DETAIL

BLOCK 10A | CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SOIL	ELEVATION	CLONE	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Goulding	600 ft	337 NC	3,943	2.65	6.5 x 4.5	2013

BLOCK 10D | CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SOIL	ELEVATION	CLONE	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Goulding	600 ft	7	2,621	1.76	6.5 x 4.5	2013

BLOCK 3A | MERLOT

SOIL	ELEVATION	CLONE	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Los Robles	450 ft	VCR-1	1,702	1.14	6.5 x 4.5	2012

BLOCK 37 | MALBEC

SOIL	ELEVATION	CLONE	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Luna	450 ft	595	1,288	1.5	10 x 5	1995

BLOCK 17A | PETIT VERDOT

SOIL	ELEVATION	CLONE	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Laniger	550 ft	400	1,496	.96	7 x 4	2009

BLOCK 16 | CABERNET FRANC

SOIL	ELEVATION	CLONE	VINES	ACRES	SPACING	PLANTED
Laniger	500 ft	214	1,445	.93	7 x 4	2009

ACCOLADES

98 James Suckling | 95 Vinous | 95 Jeb Dunnuck