

# EHRET

FAMILY WINERY

## Ehret 2012 Bellarina Meritage Red Knights Valley

The fruit for this wine is harvested by hand from the Ehret Family's estate Bavarian Lion Vineyards located in Knights Valley. The Knights Valley AVA is protected from the marine influence of the Pacific Ocean, making it the warmest AVA in Sonoma County. The vineyards on the estate range from 400-800 feet in elevation and are located just north of Calistoga and east of Alexander Valley, on the foothills of Mount St. Helena. The unique topography and soil content make this a most desirable area to grow Bordeaux and Northern Rhône grapes. The soil consists of well drained, very gravelly and sandy loams formed from mixed sedimentary and basic rock.

### ***Winemaker's Tasting Notes:***

The 2012 growing season was one noted as nearly perfect. It was long and mild in temperature during spring and summer. Our 2012 Bellarina Meritage blends Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot to create an accessible, rich, full-flavored red wine. The wine has nuances of blackberry, dark plum, mocha, and baking spice impressions in the aroma and flavors. The soft, silky tannins make it enjoyable on release and for the next 5-6 years.

### ***Technical Data:***

Appellation:	Knights Valley, Sonoma County
Blend:	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 25% Merlot
Barrel Aging:	18 months in 20% new French oak barrels
Production:	500 cases
Alcohol:	14.5% by volume

