



## Ehret 2012 Hillside Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 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. Ideal bud break, pristine flowering, even fruit set, and near perfect summer temperatures allowed for some of the best grapes we've harvested. Days were warm to hot, but nights cooled off with high, overhead fog coming in from the coast. This created even ripening while keeping acidity crisp and aromatics fragrant. In our 2012 Hillside Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc are blended to create an age-worthy, rich, full-flavored red wine. The wine has nuances of red cherry, vanilla, cassis, chocolate mousse, and baking spices in the aroma and flavors. The smooth yet prominent tannins make it enjoyable on release and for the next 5-8 years.

### **Technical Data:**

Appellation:	Knights Valley, Sonoma County
Blend:	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc
Barrel Aging:	24 months in 66% new French oak barrels
Production:	151 cases
Alcohol:	14.5% by volume

