


2013

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS VALLEY, BAVARIAN LION VINEYARD


ADOBE ROAD
WINERY
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

TASTING NOTES

As Robert Parker noted, this is “serious Cabernet Sauvignon.” Dark color, aromatically alive with a powerful and full mouthfeel, add up to classic cabernet from a spectacular vintage. This special shipment of the 2013 is especially exciting as the wine is gaining further complexity as it develops in the bottle. The core aromas and flavors of dark berries, vanilla and toasted oak are present and now complemented with extra layers of tobacco and earth. The tannins are rounded and melt in your mouth like dark chocolate. This wine has gained more nuance, complexity and depth with age.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

With fully ripe and mature cabernet sauvignon, it is especially important to balance fresh fruit and acidity with richness and tannins. The picking decision is critically important to capture the grapes at their peak of balance. At the winery, we shepherd the grapes with careful berry sorting, fermentation temperature regulation and vigilance for tannin extraction, while the wine is fermenting on skins. Long barrel aging adds complexity, softens tannins and molds mouthfeel.

THE VINTAGE

2013 was one of the classic California vintages. Warm and dry, the long growing season and plentiful sunshine allowed full maturity in the clusters at Bavarian Lion Vineyard in Knights Valley, one of the easternmost Sonoma County appellations.

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100 percent cabernet sauvignon

APELLATION

Knights Valley

VINEYARD(S)

Bavarian Lion Vineyard

BARREL COMPOSITION

90 percent new French oak
10 percent neutral French oak

BARREL AGING

28 months

ALCOHOL

14.5 percent

WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

CASES

350

ACCOLADES

90 points, Robert Parker

