

2014

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS VALLEY, BAVARIAN LION VINEYARD


ADOBE ROAD
WINERY
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

TASTING NOTES

The Bavarian Lion Vineyard Vineyard in Knights Valley is a special place. The vineyard's raised elevation on one of the warmest eastern edges of Sonoma County makes it perfect for growing amazing cabernet sauvignon. A rich core of blackberry jam is surrounded by dusty, rich tannins. You'll experience a mouthful of beautiful cabernet, but don't take our word for it. "A big, expressive style, with layers of blackberry, red berry, licorice, anise, cedar and mocha flavors. Despite the richness and power the tannins are trim on the finish." – 92 points, James Laube, Wine Spectator

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Bavarian Lion Vineyard always showcases vibrant blue/black fruits with a tannin profile that is silky and smooth, yet firm in its youth. Knowing this about the vineyard it is important to showcase the fruit with tannins in proportion to the other flavor components. Choices such as fermentation temperature, pump over timing and intensity, yeast choice, cooperage and toast level, lees stirring and malolactic management all play critical roles in balancing this incredible fruit from one of the warmest and most eastern AVAs in all of Sonoma County.

The 2014 Bavarian Lion Cabernet Sauvignon has a richness and depth that was crafted by the choices from vineyard to bottle. Precision picking timing, exacting extraction, and careful aging for 30 months in 90% new French oak all contribute to this wine's power and grace. Extra time in barrel helps mold nuanced tannins, aroma development, and greater expression of the wine's personality.

THE VINTAGE

Riding on the heels of the legendary 2013 vintage, 2014 proved itself by being solid and steady, allowing for predictable growing season patterns and a large picking window to optimize the maturity and resulting flavor profiles of the wines.

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APELLATION

Knights Valley

VINEYARD(S)

Knights Valley, Bavarian Lion Vineyard

BARREL COMPOSITION

100% French oak

BARREL AGING

30 months in 90% new and 10% used French oak

ALCOHOL

15.4%

WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

CASES

785

ACCOLADES

92 points, Wine Spectator

92+ points, Robert Parker

