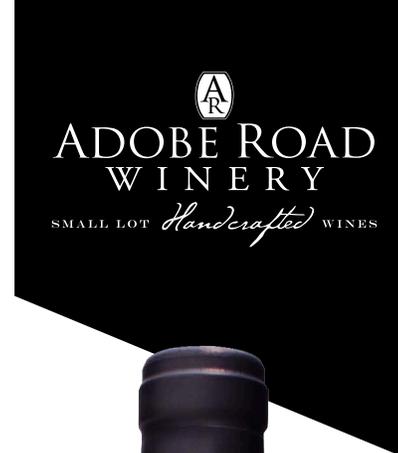


2014

CABERNET FRANC

KNIGHTS VALLEY - BAVARIAN LION VINEYARD



TASTING NOTES

Dark berry and violet aromas integrate well with the vanilla and spice notes from French oak barrel aging. The lush tannins and broad mouthfeel are central highlights of this wine. The dusty tannins help structure and frame ripe berry components. Overall, this is Cab Franc done right.

“Soft aromatics dominated by red fruits and hints of violets and rose petal entice you to move in closer. The palate is enveloped with luscious flavors of rich red berries balanced with warm oaky undertones and silky notes of caramel, espresso, and dark chocolate on the finish. Drink now through 2025.” 91 points, Robert Parker

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Bavarian Lion Vineyard Vineyard in Knight's Valley provides the perfect growing conditions for Cabernet Franc in Northern California. The volcanic soils combined with the lower temperatures allow the grapes to hang on the vine longer, enabling them to reach full ripeness with added complexity typically not seen for this varietal in California.

Cabernet Franc winemaking is a delicate dance between harvest maturity and skin extraction in the winery. In the vineyard, there is a very small picking window to achieve a balance between fresh fruit flavors and mature tannins. In the winery we respect that fine balance by gently coaxing out all the color, flavor, and aromatic material without over extracting. In general this is true for all red winemaking, however Cabernet Franc is notoriously unforgiving if you get it wrong.

THE VINTAGE

Perfectly moderate and sunny California weather made it all possible in 2014. The vintage set itself apart in the fully mature skin and seed tannins found from our Knights Valley vineyard. These fully ripe tannins played a special part in the picking decision and winemaking choices for this fantastic bottling.

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION

Knights Valley

VINEYARD(S)

Knights Valley, Bavarian Lion Vineyard

BARREL COMPOSITION

60% New French oak barrels

BARREL AGING

20 months

ALCOHOL

14.5%

WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

CASES

250

ACCOLADES

91 points, Robert Parker
Gold Medal, Monterey International Wine Competition

