



#### SOURCING

Knights Valley

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot  
5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petite Verdot

#### VINIFICATION

Vineyard lots harvested and vinified separately.  
Aged 17 months in French oak (15% new).

#### ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.3% | TA: 5.5g/L | pH:3.75

ESTD  1876

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## REGIONAL ESTATES

### 2015 KNIGHTS VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Beringer Vineyards has owned and farmed its Knights Valley vineyards since the mid-1960s, when the Beringer family recognized that the cobbled alluvial soils were a great place to grow high-quality wine grapes. The Knights Valley designation was first used on a Beringer label in 1974. Beringer was instrumental in garnering official recognition for the area in 1983 as a premier wine growing region in the form of its own American Viticulture Area (AVA) designation.*

#### VINTAGE & VINEYARDS

Early, a bit challenged by the cumulative impact of the drought years, but exceptional in quality for the smaller amount of fruit that was harvested. That's the story of the 2015 growing season. A mild winter caused early bud break, followed by protracted bloom and unseasonably cool weather in spring, contributing to smaller grape clusters and variable crop size.

Located 17 miles northwest of the winery, Knights Valley vineyard is approximately 600 acres, and has rocky, well-drained soils that are perfectly suited to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot.

#### WINEMAKING

To maintain the unique characteristics of the different lots from varying areas of the vineyard, each was monitored carefully through the vinification and aging process. Extended maceration created larger tannins to enhance the lush mouthfeel of the blend and extracted a maximum of color, aromas and flavors. The wines were then aged in French oak barrels (15% new) for 17 months and underwent malolactic fermentation for further development of texture and mouthfeel.

#### TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet is built each vintage on the notion of a Bordeaux blend, with soft and silky tannins crafted for immediate enjoyment. Aromas and flavors of dark red fruit led by raspberry, black cherry and evident oak spice are joined with more traditional Knights Valley tones of black and blue fruits. A touch of licorice and mocha round out a lingering, pleasant finish.