

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Lnights Valley 2021

WINEMAKERS Justin Seidenfeld, Olivia Wright

ALCOHOL 14.5%

TA 0.60g/100mL

**PH** 3.65

**APPELLATION** 100% Knights Valley

VARIETAL Cabernet Sauvignon

CELLAR & 18 months in 100% French oak barrels, 50% new



### **OUR STORY**

We at Rodney Strong are united by our passion for crafting the highest quality wines from the very best vineyards across Sonoma County. With over 60 years of family ownership and 1158 acres of estate vineyards, we exemplify Cabernet and what it means to be world class Sonoma quality. We are united by our passion for Sonoma County, Cabernet Sauvignon and the belief that nothing brings people together better than sharing superb experiences with a great bottle of Rodney Strong wine.

## HISTORY

Protected from direct Pacific Ocean influence, Knights Valley is the easternmost Sonoma County appellation - known for its warm days and cool nights - and is the warmest viticultural region in the county. The valley lies between the Alexander Valley and Chalk Hill wine regions to the west and is situated at the foot of Mount St. Helena to the north. The valley's beauty and mineral-rich volcanic soils make it well suited to quality viticulture.

### THE VINTAGE AND VINEYARD

The 2021 vintage turned out to be a fantastic growing season, with no frost and very mild temperatures throughout most of the year. However, the unpredictable spring rains ended in March in what would become one of the driest seasons on record in Sonoma County. The result was an earlier than average harvest of Bordeaux varietals, with approximately 15% lower yields compared to previous vintages, and dense concentration of flavors. With everything in balance, harvest took place between September 21-30th.

### **TASTING**

Our Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is deeply colored and bursting with aromas of crushed blackberries, cherry cola, cocoa powder, cassis and wild raspberry. The complex layers of spice, dark fruit and milk chocolate on the palate are framed in elegant, velvety tannins with a long lingering finish. Enjoy this Cabernet Sauvignon now with braised short ribs, ravioli or lamb shanks, or cellar it to enjoy over the next 3 to 5 years.