

Knights Valley

2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKERS	Justin Seidenfeld
ALCOHOL	14%
TA	0.60g/100mL
PH	3.64
APPELLATION	100% Knights Valley
VARIETAL	Cabernet Sauvignon
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	18 months in 100% French oak barrels, 50% new
VINEYARD	Bavarian Lion Vineyard

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 2022 vintage was dry and mild. Rain from the previous autumn was light, and the new year was warm and dry with daytime highs up to 70°F in early spring. After a few light sprinkles in the late spring and early summer, the temperature climbed into the triple digits a few days in June, but the season was mild overall, with most summer days peaking around 85-90°F. The balance of moderately high daytime temperatures and cool evenings yielded ideal flavor concentration and mild acidity. Due to the dry and seasonable weather, harvest came expectedly earlier than previous vintages, and we picked Knights Valley Cabernet between September 30th and October 10th.

TASTING

Our 2022 Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is deeply colored and bursting with aromas of crushed blackberries, spicy dark plum, dusty cocoa powder, cassis and wild raspberry. The complex layers of spice, red fruit and chocolate on the palate are framed in rich, 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.

