

Knights Valley

2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKERS	Olivia Wright
ALCOHOL	14%
TA	0.57g/100mL
PH	3.62
APPELLATION	100% Knights Valley
VARIETAL	Cabernet Sauvignon
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	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 2023 vintage is not one we will soon forget. A cool and wet winter led to a budbreak 2-3 weeks later than average. Daytime temperatures throughout the growing season continued to be unusually cool, with averages in the low 70s and the warmest days just reaching into the mid 80s. This led to an exceptionally late harvest – over a full month later than 2022 on average, offering the grapes an extended hang time to develop extraordinary complexity, concentration, and well-matured silky tannins. The cooler evenings preserved fresh acidity, beautifully balancing the generous ripe fruit flavors offered by the warmer afternoons and the well-drained stony soils of the Knight's Valley appellation.

TASTING

Our 2023 Limited Tier 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.

