

Our Rugged Elements series are limited-production wines that reflect the diversity and richness of the very best vineyards in Sonoma County. Influenced by the elements that define the terroir - from the river to the soil and trees, to the dense fog and ocean, each wine is a unique expression of the single vineyard it was sourced from.

FROM THE WINEMAHER

The grapes were hand harvested in the cool of early morning October 4th, 2017 allowing us to maintain freshness of the fruit. At the winery, the fruit was destemmed to tank and pumped over twice a day—macerated on the skins for 25 days total until drained, pressed and sent to barrel. After 28 months of barrel aging in 45% new oak, the wine was bottled in August 2020.

TASTING NOTES

This elegant Cabernet Sauvignon presents complex aromas of fig, black cherry, roasted shishito peppers with a hint of chocolate mole (or Mexican hot chocolate). The palate has ripe blueberry, currant, cinnamon, some peppery spice, and a cocoa powder textured tannins with a savory bay leaf finish.

THE VINEYARD

Knight's Valley, Sonoma's most remote AVA, is sheltered from the Pacific Ocean influences with warm temperatures and high elevations. Located at the border with northern Napa Valley, the rich volcanic soil of Bavarian Lion Vineyard is nurtured by water that streams down Mount Saint Helena and gives this wine nuanced complexity and impressive structure.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

- Composition:** 99% Cabernet Sauvignon with 1% Petite Verdot
- Harvest Date:** October 4th, 2017
- Harvest Method:** Handpicked early morning
- Aging:** Barrel aging in 45% new French and Hungarian oak
- Acidity/pH:** 5.7g/L, pH = 3.56
- Alcohol:** 14.1%
- Production:** 588 cases
- Bottled:** August 2020

VINEYARD DETAILS

- Region:** Knight's Valley
- Elevation:** 524'
- Latitude:** 38° 34' 47.064" N
- Longitude:** 122° 40' 32.34" W
- Block Area:** 19 acres
- Year planted:** 1999
- Rootstock:** 3309C
- Clone:** 7
- Soil:** Los Robles gravelly clay loam



Sonoma County, CA

