

Estate expression • Elevated vineyards • Rare

Our Highland Estates wines showcase our estate properties located on mountains, ridges, hillsides and benchlands in cool coastal California vineyards. These limited production, highly allocated wines are critically acclaimed and rare. This series is all about *terroir*. Each label has a pictorial representation of the estate vineyard from which the fruit was sourced. The combination of soil, elevation and climate on each estate is a key contributor to the wine's powerful style.

TRACE RIDGE

2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS VALLEY

ACCOLADES

90-92 Points- Outstanding

"...a sweet bouquet of graphite, black currants, earth, and high quality spicy oak. ...beautiful texture, terrific purity, and plenty of structure..."

Robert M. Parker, Jr.,
The Wine Advocate, 12/19/05

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Appellation:

Knights Valley

Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrel Aging:

Aged 19 months in French (83% new) and older American oak barrels

Cases Produced: 407

Alcohol: 14.6

TA: .58 g/100 ml

pH: 3.46

KEY POINTS

Elevation: 450 – 1000 feet above sea level.

Source: Knights Valley in Sonoma County, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Clonal Selection: Clone "7" on rootstock 101-14.

Soil: Volcanic rock, volcanic loam, fractured rock, thin topsoil.

Flavor Profile: Deep, rich, chunky, and full bodied. Loads of black fruit, licorice, espresso roast, slight tobacco, and a hint of chocolate.

Climate: Mediterranean warm, some fog wafts to the valley from Chalk Hill, Alexander Valley and Calistoga.

