

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. 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

### 2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS VALLEY

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

**Appellation:**

Knights Valley

**Composition:**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Barrel Aging:**

Aged 21 months in French oak barrels, 88% new

**Cases Produced:** 437

**Alcohol:** 14.2

**TA:** .57 g/100 ml

**pH:** 3.64

#### ACCOLADES

90+ Points

*"Notes of blueberries, cassis, graphite, and crushed rocks are found in this medium to full-bodied, elegant, pure, well-structured effort."*

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

*The Wine Advocate*, 12/26/06

#### KEY POINTS

**Elevation:** 450 – 1,000 feet above sea level.

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

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

**Canopy:** Vertical shoot positioned (VSP), cordon and guyot pruned on blocks 55, 57 and 44.

**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.

**Of Note:** Rich in history, this estate overlooks the original "Trace," or settler's path, linking Sonoma County to Lake County.

