

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

### 2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

KNIGHTS VALLEY

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

**Appellation:**

Knights Valley

**Composition:**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Barrel Aging:**

Aged 17 months in new French and older French and American barrels with medium to heavy toast finish

**Cases Produced:** 581

**Alcohol:** 15

**TA:** .61 g/100 ml

**pH:** 3.69

#### ACCOLADES

89+ *Points*

*"...offers nice chocolatey, black currant notes with some underbrush and forest floor. The wine has excellent texture, zesty acidity and the vintage's tell-tale tannin and almost Bordeaux-like structure superimposed on the exuberant fruit of northern California."*

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

*The Wine Advocate*, 12/28/07

#### 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 110R.

**Canopy:** Vertical shoot positioned (VSP), cordon and guyot pruned on blocks 48, 50 and 51.

**Soil:** Volcanic rock, volcanic loam, fractured rock and 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.

