

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 distinct style.

TRACE RIDGE

2006 RED WINE

KNIGHTS VALLEY

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Appellation:

Knights Valley

Composition:

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot

Barrel Aging:

Aged 19 months in 100% French oak, 45% new

Cases Produced: 404

Alcohol: 14.5

TA: .57 g/100 ml

pH: 3.78

ACCOLADES

93 Points – OUTSTANDING

“A spectacular offering. Its deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by notes of sweet cassis, crushed rocks, licorice, earth, and granite. Full-bodied and deep, it is another excellent example of what Knights Valley can produce.”

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

The Wine Advocate, 12/23/08

GOLD

2009 *San Francisco Chronicle*
Wine Competition

KEY POINTS

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

Source: Knights Valley in Sonoma County, 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot

Clonal Selection: Cabernet 337 and 7. Merlot 181 and 3. Petit Verdot 1. Mostly blocks 13A, 45, 47, 57, 58 and 59.

Canopy: Vertical shoot positioned (VSP), cordon and guyot pruned.

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

Flavor Profile: Petit Verdot adds color and monster tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon lends soft, sensuous tannins. The Merlot provides a smooth velvety finish. Dark fruit flavors abound in the bouquet and palate.

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.

