



2009

'MON CHEVALIER'

KNIGHTS VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Located on the foothills of Knights Valley, our vineyard, comprised of rocky and loamy clay Red Hills soil, benefits from its proximity to Mount St. Helena, whose warm and windy climate is ideal for the long ripening of the red Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques, this special wine is dedicated to our son, Paul Morlet. It is 'My Knight' or 'Mon Chevalier.'



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| Proprietary name | 'Mon Chevalier' |
| Name meaning | My Knight |
| Varietal composition | Named after our son Paul Morlet Cabernet Sauvignon (86%) Cabernet Franc (8%) Merlot (3%) Malbec (2%) Petit Verdot (1%) |
| Type of wine | Estate grown; terroir-driven; vineyard designated |
| Appellation | Knights Valley |
| Vineyard singularity | Morlet Family 'Mon Chevalier' Vineyard 500-600 feet elevation Rhyolitic, loam & volcanic ash |
| Farming | Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team |
| Picking | Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck |
| Sorting | Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™ |
| Fermentation | Through native yeast; punch downs in stainless steel tanks & French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™ |
| Upbringing | 16 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers |
| Bottling | Unfined, unfiltered |
| Ideal cellaring | 5 to 10 years after harvest date |
| Arc of aging | 30+ years |
| Serving | 61-64°F (16-18°C); Decant 1 hour prior to serving |

TASTING NOTES

"The 2009 'Mon Chevalier' is powerful, rich, and imposing. This huge, muscular wine is endowed with deep, resonant layers of dark red cherries, plums, cloves, and crushed rocks. The Knights Valley tannins are present, but masterfully integrated. Smoke, incense, tobacco and scorched earth inform the dark, brooding finish."

"The 2009 'Mon Chevalier' is a dense, opulent wine. Blackberry jam, gravel, spice, menthol, espresso, and bittersweet chocolate abound. Plush contours build into the voluptuous finish."

95 points

Antonio Galloni

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2012

Vinous, Oct. 2024

