



2012

'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.'



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 2012 'Mon Chevalier' is deep garnet colored with a touch of brick. It opens with maturing notes of cigar box, fruitcake, and dried Provence herbs, over a core of baked plums and boysenberry preserves with an emerging undercurrent of blackcurrant pastilles. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has wonderful freshness with tons of savory layers and a chewy texture, finishing long with a peppery lift."

93 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW
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