



2016

'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 Named after our son Paul Morlet
Varietal composition	Cabernet Sauvignon (94%) Cabernet Franc (4%) Malbec (1%) 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 Sorting	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck 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

"Very deep purple-black in color, the 2016 'Mon Chevalier' charges forth with intense notes of crushed black cherries, black berry preserves and cassis scents with touches of spearmint, Indian spices, espresso and dried lavender plus a waft of roses. Full-bodied, the palate reveals incredible restraint, slowly revealing earth and black fruit layers framed by firm, grainy tannins and just enough freshness, finishing very long and spicy."

96+ points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2018

"The 2016 'Mon Chevalier' is terrific. A gorgeous bouquet of sandalwood, violets, loamy earth, and incense as well as some iron-laced black and blue fruits flow to a rounded, supple, incredibly textured Cabernet that has sweet tannins, a stacked mid-palate, and a great finish."

96 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2019

