



# OPTIMA WINERY

## 2019 KNIGHTS VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2019 Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon hails from a single, exceptional vineyard in Knights Valley, an appellation distinguished by its warm climate, elevated vine terraces, and gently rolling hills. Crafted with meticulous attention to detail, our 2019 Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon epitomizes the artistry and dedication of our winemaking team. Hand-harvested from our esteemed vineyards in Knights Valley, each grape is carefully selected at optimal ripeness to ensure the fullest expression of terroir.

### Winemaking

The Cabernet Sauvignon was hand-harvested on September 25, 2019, at 25.5° Brix. Fermentation lasted 10 days and was followed by an extended 21-day maceration to deepen color, enhance structure, and soften the tannins. After pressing, the wine was transferred to 60-gallon French oak barrels, where it underwent three meticulous barrel-to-barrel rackings. It was aged in barrel for 22 months before being bottled on August 27, 2021.

### Tasting Notes

Powerful yet elegant expression of the region. It pours a deep, inky ruby-red, revealing enticing aromas of rose petal, cocoa, dark cherry, and mocha. On the palate, the wine is richly textured with firm, enveloping tannins and balanced by medium acidity, showcasing finesse and structure. Layers of black cherry, ripe raspberry, and dark plum unfold, accented by notes of leather, tobacco leaf, vanilla, and a touch of anise. As the wine lingers, subtle hints of dark chocolate and caramel emerge on a long, polished finish.

This Cabernet is an ideal partner for grilled red meats, braised short ribs, or aged cheeses. While beautifully expressive now, it has the structure and depth to reward additional cellaring for 8–12 years. A classic, handcrafted wine worthy of a place in any cellar.

<b>Appellation:</b>	<b>Knights Valley</b>
<b>Blend:</b>	<b>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</b>
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	<b>22 Months</b>
<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>14.9%</b>
<b>pH:</b>	<b>3.70</b>
<b>RS:</b>	<b>None</b>