



2015

## HELENA DAKOTA VINEYARD

100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Elevation 750 feet

KNIGHTS VALLEY

Sonoma County, California

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Distinctive soil and notably cooler temperatures than those found in adjacent vineyards best define the growing conditions for this Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. We planted our Helena Dakota Vineyard on the foothills of Mount St. Helena which rises more than 4,000 feet above sea level. This distinctive, two-peaked mountain remains the heart of an ancient volcanic zone responsible for the complex, mineral-rich soils of Knights Valley and nearby grape-growing districts.

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This 12.4 acre vineyard runs southeast to northwest on the eastern side of scenic Highway 128 and possesses slopes of up to 15 degrees. Prevailing westerly winds pass over a large, cold pond and blow uphill, parallel to the rows of vines. These cooling breezes slow down the ripening of the grapes and result in wines that are packed with elegance, complexity and finesse. A pure mountain stream and rocky ridge separate this vineyard from our Helena Montana vineyard.

### VIGNERON NOTES

The 2015 vintage in Knights Valley was powerful, providing full ripeness and deep concentration in the fruit. Helena Dakota shows an intense core of black-violet color that is slightly denser and darker in appearance than its counterpart. Classic aromas of dried black currant and black plum are shared on the palate; balanced with essences of sage leaf, dark chocolate, and foraged mushroom. The long finish displays powdery tannins and vibrant acidity. The future will be extremely bright for this wine and will benefit greatly from time in the cellar.

— Pierre Seillan, Vigneron

### ACCLAIM

**97 Points** – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Park Wine Advocate*, December 2017



### TECHNICAL DATA

ELEVATION: 750 ft  
SOIL: Red-brown silt loam

ALCOHOL: 13.8%  
TA: 0.52  
PH: 3.93

CELLAR AGING: 20 years

AGING: 13 months in 70% new  
French oak barrels

FLAVOR PROFILE: Truffles, toasted nut, cigar  
box, clove, cedar and damp  
rose petals with velvety  
tannins