

# ANAKOTA



2019



## HELENA MONTANA VINEYARD

100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Elevation 950 feet

KNIGHTS VALLEY

Sonoma County, California

### KNIGHTS VALLEY

Knights Valley is a remote winegrowing region bridging Sonoma and Napa Counties. It's an untamed landscape defined by rugged mountains, steep hillsides, placid meadows and abundant wildlife. Even though this AVA has produced some of the world's greatest wines, it is still a mystery to most. Set along the flanks and foothills of Mount St. Helena and the Mayacamas Mountains, this rustic sanctuary possesses the sparse volcanic soils and ideal climate needed to produce elegant, profound and age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignons.

### HELENA MONTANA VINEYARD

Running southwest to northeast at an elevation of 950 feet above sea level, the 60-acre Helena Montana vineyard is marked by rolling hills and steep benches that tilt up to 30 degrees. It features firm, dense, white/yellow gravelly loam soils that drain extremely well. The combination of hills, knolls and trees helps route cool, westerly winds away from the vines. Helena Montana Cabernets are concentrated and powerful with black fruit flavors, spice, minerals and muscular tannins.

### VIGNERON NOTES

A vintage marked from the outset by excessive winter rainfall, 2019 began with our soils holding abundant moisture and well equipped for the Knights Valley growing season. Cabernet Sauvignon budbreak occurred throughout early to mid-April, and the growing season proceeded with above average warmth, with heat spikes throughout July, August, and September. Harvest began in late September, and the resulting wines are concentrated and focused, with ample richness. The 2019 Helena Montana is characteristically powerful & complex on the nose, showing ripe red and black cherry, along with dried herbs de Provence, and subtle hints of toasted clove, cinnamon, and nutmeg spices. The palate is loaded with structure and complexity, showing concentrated fruit and non-fruit flavors, framing a powerful core of firm tannin and juicy acidity. The finish is very long, and balanced.

— Pierre Seillan, Vigneron

### ACCLAIMS

**97 Points** – Erin Brooks, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, July 2022

**99 Points** – James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, March 2022

**97+ Points** – Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, *The Wine Independent*, June 2022



### TECHNICAL DATA

ELEVATION: 950 ft

SOIL: Yellow-white sandy and  
gravelly loam

CELLAR AGING

POTENTIAL: 20 years

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

AGING: 13 months in 90% new  
French oak barrels

HARVESTED: September 19

FLAVOR PROFILE: Fresh raspberry, black  
cherry, dried bay leaf, vanilla  
and toasted cardamom