



2022



HELENA MONTANA VINEYARD

100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Elevation 950 feet

KNIGHTS VALLEY

Sonoma County, California

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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. Set along the flanks and foothills of Mount St. Helena and the Mayacamas Mountains, this rustic sanctuary possesses complex volcanic soils and an ideal climate to produce elegant, profound, and age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignons.

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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 rise up to 30 degrees. It features firm, yellow-white gravelly loam soils of volcanic origin that drain extremely well. The surrounding topography of hills, knolls, and forests, helps route cool, westerly winds away from the vines, enhancing the warmth of this unique site, resulting in wines that are aromatic, concentrated, and firmly structured.

VIGNERON NOTES

The winter of 2022 introduced a third straight year of below average rainfall in our Sonoma County vineyards, signaling a continuation of the ongoing drought. To ensure top quality fruit in the coming season, the decision was made during pruning to severely restrict the number of clusters each vine would be asked to ripen. Through this action, each block was allowed to fully express its terroir, even though it would mean lower yields during harvest. Winter was chilly but March and April warmed nicely, leading to even budbreak and flowering, with a uniform fruit-set. The summer months that followed, saw classically warm weather offset by cool nighttime temperatures, but late August introduced a severe heat wave just as the vineyards were achieving optimal ripeness. Responding quickly, our teams worked to harvest each block as fast as possible before the heat could negatively affect the fruit.

2022 Helena Montana is a profoundly structured wine, with bright flavors of raspberry coulis, and grilled black plum, with fresh bay leaf, aged tobacco, and toasted allspice. — Pierre Seillan, Vigneron.

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96 POINTS — Jim Gordon, JamesSuckling.com, February 2025



TECHNICAL DATA

ELEVATION:	950 ft	ALCOHOL:	14.7%	FLAVOR PROFILE:	Raspberry and black plum, with fresh Bay leaf, maduro cigar, and sweet leather with a firm structure
SOIL:	Yellow-white sandy and gravelly loam	AGING:	15 months in 85% new French oak barrels		
CELLAR AGING:	20+ years	HARVESTED:	September 8		