



2013

MATANZAS
CREEK
WINERY

MERLOT
KNIGHTS VALLEY

OUR ESTATE

Matanzas Creek has been dedicated to a genuine expression of Sonoma County since 1977. As is true of all the world's premier wineries, our expertise is a direct result of extensive observation and work in the vineyard and cellar.

WINEMAKING

With a very dry growing season, this vintage of our Knights Valley Merlot showcases how resilient grape vines can be. Smaller than normal berries and clusters result in a tremendous increase in depth and concentration of flavor, due to the smaller juice to skin ratio. We aided this concentration effect by restricting irrigation to only the most minimal amounts. After harvest, we blended in a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon to subtly lift the overall wine structure.

WINE PROFILE

Bright aromas of dried Bing cherry, pomegranate, and Mission figs are supported by hints of dried rose petal, sweet baking spice, and chocolate covered espresso bean. The palate showcases tremendous depth of flavor, with rich dark berry and cocoa powder layered over notes of graphite and leather. Round and complex, the wine has a touch of Knights Valley's famed wet river stone minerality.

VINTAGE NOTES

Much like the vintage before, 2013 brought exquisite weather suitable for an exceptional growing season. The volcanic soils at the foot of Mt. St. Helena were crucial in retaining water to mitigate the effects of a dry spring. Similarly, consistent morning fog and meticulous leaf removal allowed our grapes proper sunlight while still protecting the clusters from sunburn. Cold temperatures at the end of summer allowed for the slower development of full flavors and natural acidity.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION: 99% Merlot
1% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Knights Valley, Sonoma County

VINEYARD: 100% Knights Valley,
Block 910, Merlot Clone 3

AGING: Aged 18 months in 100%
French Oak (30% new)

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.64

TA: 0.61 g/L

RS: 0.05 g/L