

## 2018

VARIETAL 96% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE
18 months French oak

 $\begin{array}{c} {\tt ALCOHOL} \\ 14.6\% \end{array}$ 

PRODUCTION 2,225 Cases

SRP

\$35

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#### GEHRICKE

Knights Valley - Cabernet Sauvignon Knights Valley, California

## **Tasting Notes**

This Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has spice-driven aromas of cloves, anice and fennel, complemented by notes of dark cherry. The palate holds a fine tannic quality with hints of spice and intense ripe fruit flavors. Following a balanced palate, the finish is long lasting.

#### **Vintage Notes**

The 2018 growing season began cooler than usual for Sonoma County, leading to longer bloom time for grapevines. Moderate summer temperatures with fewer heat spikes than previous vintages allowed for a relaxed pace, excellent development of flavors and retention of natural acidity. After being harvested by hand, the cabernet sauvignon grapes were gently destemmed, fermented and aged in French oak barrels for 18 months.

# **Food Pairings**

Enjoy these balanced flavors with semi-hard, aged cheeses like Gouda and cheddar, roasted beef tenderloin with root vegetables or rich pasta Bolognese.

Growing up in Sonoma, we spent a lot of time exploring the local countryside: finding our way through neighboring vineyards owned by old friends and family. I remember the excitement of discovery and freedom while, as a young boy, I thoroughly studied our small town and its outskirts. I remember old dusty roads that led to forgotten vineyards and properties Gehricke is a tribute to one such road.

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