

Knights Bridge



2018 KNIGHTS BRIDGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON CHRISTOBEL

VINEYARD COLLECTION

Our Vineyard Collection wines highlight unique characteristics from specific blocks. These place- and terroir-driven wines reflect a pure expression of our estate vineyard in Knights Valley. Each block name is grounded in family history to reflect and honor our values. Christobel Kotelawela Weerasinghe was mother and mother-in-law to Knights Bridge proprietors Menakka and Essel Bailey. Wife of the Sri Lankan envoy to the US, she served as a cultural ambassador at the United Nations and shared her love of music and dance by creating books, recordings, and a radio show for children that was nominated for a Peabody Award. Charming, gracious, elegant, and poised, she lived a life of service to others, returning to Sri Lanka to teach English, music, and dance to underprivileged children.

WINEMAKING

Block II features the Goulding Soil Series, a mix of volcanic and sedimentary soil found on slopes with patches of rocky red clay. The older vines planted in 1995 on this block's sundrenched terraces impart aromatic, high-toned red fruit characteristics, delivering a singular wine with a lift of acidity, tension and minerality. The grapes are night-harvested by hand, sorted, and destemmed, then undergo a 72-hour cold soak before beginning traditional fermentation with two pump overs per day for 10 days. The wine is then aged in 85% new French oak from Allier and Tronçais forests.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Christobel is highly scented and lifted with fresh raspberry and red currant followed by herbal notes of sage and lavender that emerge in the glass with aeration. Detailed and precise, this wine offers generous round flavors and exquisite balance while delivering full Cabernet flavor. Like its namesake, Christobel Cabernet is gracious, open and warm now, but will age gracefully through 2038 and beyond.



AVA	Knights Valley
VINEYARD	Knights Bridge Estate Vineyard
BLOCK	II
CLONE	8
VARIETY	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST DATE	October 23, 2018

COOPERAGE	20 months in 85% new French oak
ALCOHOL	14.5%
BOTTLING DATE	June 22, 2020
RELEASE DATE	August 1, 2021
CASES	94
PRICE	\$150