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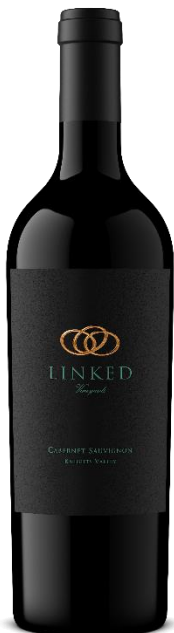
## 2022 KNIGHTS VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2022 kept everyone on their toes. A season that started with promise turned into a high stakes game of timing, instinct, and nerve. Winter rains replenished the vineyard, and a near perfect spring and summer let the vines cruise comfortably toward harvest. Then, just as the fruit approached the finish line, an intense early September heatwave pushed temperatures into overdrive, forcing quick decisions and steady hands in the vineyard. We took a Maverick approach. Stay calm, trust the vineyard, and do not rush the moment. Picked after the heat broke, the fruit showed resilience, depth, and composure. Sometimes the best move is knowing when to hold your line.

In the glass, it is deep, dark, and unapologetically bold. Aromas rise with confidence. Blackberry, cassis, and dark cherry lead into smoky herbs, cracked pepper, and wild thyme, followed by notes of worn leather, crushed stone, and mocha. On the palate, it flies with precision and power. Woody blackberries, dark cherry, and tobacco drive the core, wrapped in dark chocolate and subtle spice. There is lift from cranberry and pomegranate, while a thread of minerality and soft floral notes keep everything in balance. The tannins are broad, polished, and commanding, carrying through a long, seamless finish with hints of cacao and gentle oak. This is a wine that does not just handle pressure, it owns it. Confident, controlled, and built to stand apart.



*“It’s not the plane, it’s the pilot.” – Top Gun: Maverick*



### *Wine*

Winemaker:	Luc Morlet
Harvested:	October 13th by hand in small lugs at 23.6° brix
Composition:	100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation:	Native yeast in small tanks and puncheons
Aged:	16 months in French oak from artisan coopers
Bottled:	August 28th, 2024, Unfiltered and Unfined
Alcohol:	14.9%
Production:	254 cases

### *Vineyard*

Planted:	2000, Clone 337 on 110R Rootstock
Elevation:	1,050-1,250 feet,
Exposure:	Western Facing, 30-50% Slopes
Soil:	Rocky Volcanic, Rhyolitic, Laniger Loam
Appellation:	Knights Valley, Sonoma County