



ER MICHAEL
WINERY

MA BELLE-FILLE

CHARDONNAY
KNIGHT

'Ma Belle-Fille' Estate Chardonnay

KNIGHTS VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

SITE

ESTATE: Knights Valley

2019

SINGLE VINEYARD: Ma Belle-Fille ("Beautiful Daughter-in-Law," in honor of Emily Michael)

PLANTED: 1999

SOIL: Volcanic-origin rhyolite

VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay

EXPOSURE: South-southeast

ELEVATION: 1,700 to 1,900 feet (520 to 580 meters)

WINEGROWING NOTES

At the highest elevation on the estate, the marine influence on Ma Belle-Fille is greater, resulting in cooler daily temperatures in the summer and autumn months. Situated far above the summer fog ceiling and exposed to the southeast, the vineyard receives the very first rays of sunshine each morning and remains sunny all day long. This full exposure, combined with cooler temperatures, causes the fruit to mature earlier than the rest of our estate.

WINEMAKING NOTES

HAND-HARVESTED: September 17 to October 14

VINIFICATION: 100% naturally fermented using native yeast

100% barrel-fermented in 100% French oak from select artisan coopers

AGING: Barrel-aged sur lies for twelve months with weekly bâtonnage

BOTTLED UNFILTERED: February 3, 2021

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

RELEASE DATE: September 1, 2021

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

A bright, light straw color, 'Ma Belle-Fille' bursts from the glass with vine blossom, pure liquid minerals, nectarines, white flowers, creamed hazelnut, pastry elements, and Reinette apple. On the palate, noticeable layer upon layer of stone, minerals, grilled bread, and jasmine are accentuated with an oily, full-bodied concentration. The finish is complex and expansive with a purity of lingering lemon curd, vanilla bean, yellow flowers, and nougat with hints of cinnamon and pain d'épices. A classic example of 'Ma Belle-Fille,' perfectly balanced and structured to age gracefully.

