

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

KNIGHT'S VALLEY • STRASSER VINEYARD

2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Appellation	Knights Valley, Sonoma County
Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol	14.5%
Aged	20 months in French oak; 60% new oak.
SRP	\$46

THE WINERY

The Francis Ford Coppola Winery was established in 2006 in Sonoma County, California to celebrate wine, food and adventure. Our winery is a place where guests can enjoy new wine experiences, have fun with friends and family, be entertained and savor life's simple pleasures.

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In keeping with the Coppola promise to make every visit to the winery memorable and unique, we've created the Francis Coppola Reserve label—limited production wines that showcase distinctive vineyards from Sonoma's renowned appellations. Our Director of Winemaking, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards for crafting small-batch wines exclusively for winery guests, wine club members and those who shop with us online. Each lot is crushed, fermented, and aged separately through the final blending stage to ensure the finished wine is worthy of the 'Reserve' title.

THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films, the courtyard and fountain of Rubicon Estate in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

KNIGHTS VALLEY

Knights Valley is one of the warmest of the Sonoma County sub-appellations, making it an ideal location for Bordeaux varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. Located at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains, the range that separates Sonoma from the Napa Valley, Knights Valley is comprised of warm, fertile volcanic soils that have excellent drainage and produce low yields. Residing at a slightly higher elevation than most other Sonoma vineyards, this parcel of land has the additional climatic benefit of being out of range from any fog or chilly marine conditions. As a result, the fruit from this location delivers exceptional concentration and distinct aromatics because the season is long and the weather warm.

THE WINE

The 2007 vintage was a winemaker's dream, and, quite possibly, the vintage of a lifetime. An unusually dry winter gave way to a warm, dry spring, which significantly reduced the crop size. Conditions such as these typically produce very highly concentrated grapes. And because there were no heat waves during the summer months, the fruit matured slowly and evenly. As a result there was full phenolic development in our red fruit and an ideal level of ripeness, thereby making it a perfect vintage for us. Francis Coppola Reserve 2007 Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon delivers the decadent scent of crushed raspberries draped over chocolate soufflé and dark, rich flavors of cassis, cherries, cloves, and vanilla toasted oak.

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