

2012 MEKERRA LA MEKERRA VINEYARD PROPRIETARY RED

Affectionately referred to as "The Beast" by Philippe, this powerhouse wine from our vineyard high in elevation in Knights Valley is definitely our best effort to date. With a blend this particular year favoring the strength of the Cabernet franc, its structure and aromatics provide an equal punch on all levels. The Merlot brings beautiful floral notes to the nose along with spice and dark fruit while the Cab franc brings the acidity and the tannins to create this amazingly opulent wine with stunning purity. Decanting this wine is recommended to fully express the aromatics and the strength of our vineyard.

51% CABERNET FRANC AND 49% MERLOT 100% KNIGHTS VALLEY

Production: 350 cases
Bottling: July, 2014
Aging: 20 months 80% new French oak
Release: September 22, 2015
Suggested Retail: \$165.00

"This is Philippe Melka's Northern California version of Cheval Blanc and he has pulled it off brilliantly."

98 Points

- Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #215, October 2014