

2012 I MILLE

ABOUT

In 1860, one thousand men undertook a dangerous sea expedition led by Giuseppe Garibaldi leading to the collapse of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, and the unification of one nation. One of those brave men was Francis's Great Grandfather Francesco Pennino.

Made in honor of those brave men that altered the history of a nation, we've created a limited production Cabernet Franc, I Mille. This wine exhibits exceptional balance and wonderful concentration, offering rich, succulent flavors of red cherries, blackberries, and currants, along with intriguing notes of tobacco, cloves, and violets.

KNIGHTS VALLEY

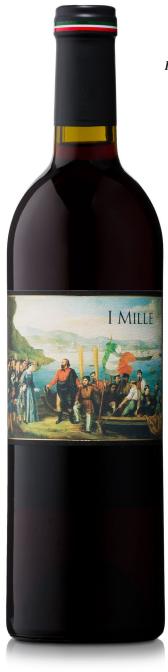
Knights Valley is one of the warmest Sonoma County sub-appellations, making it an ideal location for Bordeaux varietals such as Cabernet Franc. Located at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains, the range that separates Sonoma from the Napa Valley, Knights Valley is comprised of warm, fertile volcanic soils that reside at a slightly higher elevation than most other Sonoma vineyards, out of range from any fog or chilly marine conditions. Because of the consistent warm weather and the lack of evening chill, the fruit from this region ripens beautifully and develops a lot of concentration and fragrance.

VINTAGE

2012 delivered excellent weather conditions to create an outstanding vintage. Steady, moderate temperatures carried on throughout the summer free of heat spikes or rain at harvest time so that when we picked the fruit, it had great concentration, optimal balance, wonderful spice aromas and complex flavors.

WINE NOTES

We couldn't have asked for more beautiful fruit for our debut vintage of I Mile. This wine exhibits exceptional balance and wonderful concentration. From its deep, dark color to a plush palate that offers rich succulent flavors of red cherries, blackberries, and currants along with intriguing notes of tobacco, cloves, and violets, this wine demonstrates a lot of nuance and sophistication. The tannins are supple and well integrated from two years of barrel aging, and there is great length to the finish.



Appellation Knights Valley,

Sonoma County, California

Blend 100% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol 15%

Barrel Regimen 24 months in French oak;

50% new oak