FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE NEWMAN VINEYARD • KNIGHTS VALLEY 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON





 Appellation
 Knights Valley

 Blend
 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

 Alcohol
 14.1%

 Aged
 17 months in French oak;

 50% new oak

 Production
 1,170 Cases

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

The connection between a vine and the soil it's planted in creates the essence of a wine. Francis Coppola Reserve wines are vineyard-specific creations produced in limited quantities from distinctive sites in Sonoma County. Corey Beck hand-selects the best lots of fruit from each vintage that capture the unique qualities of these prestigious vineyards. From these selections we craft small-batch wines which are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members, and those who shop with us online.

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 as well as the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma County.

NEWMAN VINEYARD

The Newman Vineyard sits at the center of Knights Valley, one of Sonoma County's warmest sub-appellations. Comprised of fertile volcanic soils that reside at a higher elevation than most other Sonoma vineyards, Newman is an ideal location for Bordeaux varietals because the weather stays consistently warm. Planted to moderate rootstock and Clone 7 Cabernet, this gravelly clay loam vineyard features 30-year-old vines. Out of this maturity comes really expressive, high quality fruit. It's a perfect example of how excellent farming practices combined with good soil and climate work to create impressive reserve level wines with vintage-to-vintage consistency.

THE WINE

Despite the ongoing drought in California, 2014 was an outstanding vintage that produced extremely high quality grapes. Warm, dry conditions throughout spring and summer, helped reduce yields. From this climate we harvested smaller than normal berries that were richly concentrated. Our 2014 Newman Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon boasts impeccable structure and great fruit extraction. Aromas of wild berries, juniper, and baking spices transition to high volume flavors of cherries and cassis interwoven with earthy elements like espresso beans, toasted wood, forest floor and dried flowers. It's dark, dense, and seriously delicious.

Corey Beck, Winemaker



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