



# Garagiste

## WINE CLUB

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

## Ehret Family Winery

Owners: Pierre & Susan Ehret      Winemaker: Erin Green

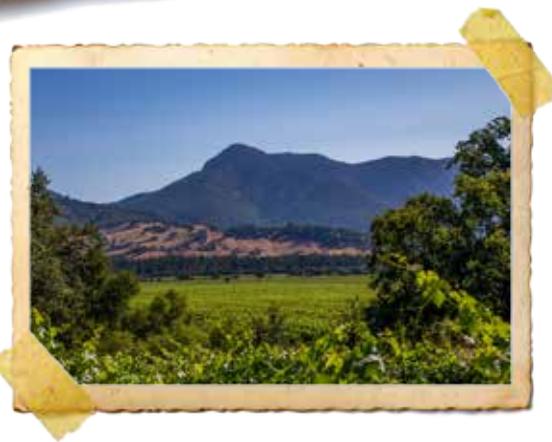
Location: Knights Valley, Sonoma County, California

Founded by husband and wife team Pierre and Susan Ehret, the Ehret Family Winery is located in the foothills of the famed Knights Valley AVA, the warmest appellation in Sonoma County that is best known for its Bordeaux-style red wines. Located in the saddle of the Vacas Mountain range between the northern end of Napa Valley and the southern end of Sonoma's Alexander Valley, this unique appellation, with its warmer climate and slightly higher elevation, creates ideal conditions for the Bordeaux grape varieties. Since 2005, the Ehrets have been crafting premium and distinctive estate wines from their family-owned Bavarian Lion Vineyards, nestled in the Knights Valley.

Pierre Ehret developed his appreciation and understanding of fine wines while growing up in Dusseldorf, Germany, and also while running his family-owned Flamingo Resort Hotel and Conference Center in the heart of Sonoma wine country. It all started in 1980 when Pierre moved from Berlin to Santa Rosa, California to attend the local Junior College. He graduated from Columbia University with a degree in Economics and then moved to Fontainebleau, France where he earned his MBA and had his first real immersion with wine. In 1989, Pierre moved back to Santa Rosa, California to run his family-owned Flamingo Resort Hotel & Conference Center, which is a position he still holds to this day.

In 1996, Pierre officially found his way into the wine industry by establishing the Bavarian Lion Vineyards in Knights Valley and he began selling grapes to such notable estates as Beringer Winery, Adobe Road Winery, and Cakebread Cellars. After ten years of premium grape-growing, the Ehrets decided to establish Ehret Family Winery as a family business. They are joined by critically acclaimed winemaker Erin Green, whose winemaking experience at Sonoma-Cutrer, Vinwood Cellars, Napa Wine Company, Pahlmeyer, and Martinelli has made her an incredibly valuable asset to the Ehret team.

The Ehrets have been producing fine wines since 2005 with an emphasis on Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petite Verdot - the famed red wine grapes of Bordeaux. They work with the unique terroir of Knights Valley and its complex landscape to create depth and character in their wines, and they have countless honors and medals that validate their efforts. We hope you enjoy this wonderful Merlot from Ehret Family Winery. Cheers!



## Ehret 2016 Merlot

185 cases produced

Bavarian Lion Vineyards, Knights Valley, Sonoma County

Hand-harvested from the Ehret Family's estate Bavarian Lion Vineyards located in Sonoma's Knights Valley, the Ehret 2016 Merlot unleashes an abundance of dense fruit flavors. Waves of Santa Rosa plum, black raspberry, red cherry, and light olive notes open up to layers of hot cocoa infused with vanilla. The rich aromatics lead into a similarly rich and savory mouth feel that's supported by well-structured yet soft tannins. Overall, the copious layering of complex fruit notes are the hallmark of this special bottling. Aged 18 months in oak. 85.3% Merlot, 14.7% Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy!

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$43.00 / bottle

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