



## 2018 ARMONIZA RED BLEND

### OUR ESTATE

Since 1977, Matanzas Creek Winery has focused on creating site-expressive wines from Sonoma County. Across the years, our approach has never wavered: cultivate a range of grape clones, explore various vineyard techniques, and use a variety of fermentation vessels to carefully craft balanced wines. Today, all Matanzas Creek Winery estate vineyards are sustainably farmed and are certified under the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance.

### WINEMAKING

We carefully handpicked the fruit to ensure optimal sugar levels. Once the fruit arrived at the winery, we sorted it meticulously and cold-soaked it for two days before fermenting it in French wood casks. After fermentation, we transferred the wine to new French oak barrels that added a smooth texture and delicate notes of vanilla and spice. Our sustainable farming practices helped create concentrated flavors without compromising quality, which shines through with every sip.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Luckily, Sonoma County remained untouched by any wildfires during the 2018 vintage. While the Mendocino Complex Fire posed challenges for our employees and neighbors in Lake County, a silver lining is that the fruit from Knight Valley remained unaffected by smoke taint. Throughout fermentation, we stayed true to our trusted winemaking techniques, ensuring the exceptional quality we have upheld for years.

### WINE PROFILE

**COLOR:** Deep purple

**AROMAS & FLAVORS:** Ripe blackberries, brambly with hints of black licorice, black cherry, and ripe plum.

**PALATE:** Raspberries and marionberries dominate the palate with their vibrant red fruit flavors. The middle palate offers a subtle and rounded texture. The firm yet elegant tannins are accompanied by a touch of dark chocolate, leading to a medium-to-long finish.

**SERVING SUGGESTIONS:** Open 45 minutes before serving, pair with grilled ribeye or fried eggplant.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### WINEMAKER

Marcia Torres Forno

#### VINEYARDS

Kellogg East  
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#### ALCOHOL

14.6%

#### CASES

PRODUCED

286

#### COMPOSITION

70% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
18% Merlot,  
12% Malbec

#### ÉLEVAGE

Aged 19 months in French oak  
barrels, 43% new

#### TA

6.2 g/L

#### PH

3.64

#### APPELLATION

Knights Valley



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