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## DISTRICT COLLECTION

RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**2018**

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### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Rutherford,  
Napa Valley

**VARIETALS:**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 15% by vol.

**PH:** 3.69

**TA:** 6.0 g/L

**AGING:** 19 months in 51% new  
French oak

**VEGAN FRIENDLY**

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes were harvested primarily from our Rutherford estate with a splash from another vineyard to really enhance the appellations characteristics. Fruit was selected from the older estate blocks that are planted in Pleasanton Loam soils, which keep the vines cool and slows ripening.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours of October 23 and November 5 and were fermented on the skins for a total of 52 days. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 51% new Demptos French oak barrels. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on July 8, 2020.

### WINE PROFILE

Charming aromas of blackberries, stewed plums, chocolate mint, tobacco, earth and spice emerge from the glass. This is a full-bodied wine with loads of black fruit preserves and crème de cassis. It has a good mid-palate depth and velvety tannins. The finish is balanced and lingers.

