




TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Rutherford,
Napa Valley

VARIETALS:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.71

TA: 6.4 g/L

AGING: 18-19 months in 37%
new French oak

DISTRICT COLLECTION

RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2020

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes were harvested from two vineyards on the valley floor, one of the west side of the river and the other on the east side of the river. These older vines that are planted in Pleasanton Loam soils, which keep the vines cool and slows ripening, embrace the true characters of “Rutherford Dust.”

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2020 kicked off with ideal growing conditions. Mild temperatures led to evenly developed clusters and an early budbreak was followed by a warm to hot summer. Low winter rains resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. Harvest began in early August and all things pointed to normal yields and exceptional fruit quality.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours of September 26 and 28 and were fermented on the skins for a total of 47 days. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18-19 months in 37% new Baron and Taransaud oak barrels. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on July 8, 2022.

WINE PROFILE

The glass exudes a captivating aroma of simmered plums and rich blackberries, woven with hints of invigorating mint chocolate, matured tobacco, and subtle earthy tones, complemented by the spice of allspice. This wine has a full and generous body, brimming with a creamy essence of crème de cassis, married with the opulence of dark fruits. Silky, smooth tannins embrace the palate, offering a gentle texture that leads to a well-rounded and persistent finish, leaving a pleasantly lingering sensation.

