



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Rutherford,
Napa Valley

VARIETALS:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.69

TA: 6.3 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 48%
new French oak



DISTRICT COLLECTION

RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2021

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes were harvested primarily from a two blocks of vineyards at the front of our cherished Rutherford estate. 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

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours of October 5 and 6 and were fermented on the skins for a total of 60 days. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 48% new Baron and Saudry French oak barrels. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered on July 17, 2023.

WINE PROFILE

Enchanting scents of indulgent stewed plums, luscious blackberry, tantalizing mint chocolate, aged tobacco, earthly nuances, and aromatic allspice emerge from the glass. This generously full-bodied wine boasts abundant crème de cassis notes intertwined with opulent black fruit essences. The supple, velvety tannins provide a caressing sensation on the mid-palate, guiding towards a harmoniously balanced and enduring finish that lingers delightfully.