

# CATERWAUL

## 2023 CATERWAUL RUTHERFORD NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### NOTES

Centered in the heart of Napa Valley, Rutherford is distinguished by its layered alluvial soils and generous sun exposure. This single-vineyard expression from its northern reaches reveals increasingly exposed river stones between vine rows—an indicator of both drainage and character. Made from Clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine shows a dark ruby core with lifted garnet hues at the rim. On the nose, classic Rutherford dust frames aromas of brambleberry, charred meat, and warm baking spices. The palate delivers immediate depth and concentration, balanced by vibrant acidity that lends lift and clarity. Ripe black cherry, redcurrant, and sweet tobacco unfold seamlessly, supported by fine-grained mineral tannins. The finish is medium in weight, persistent, and marked by a radiant freshness.

### VINTAGE

A high-potential vintage is characterized by a median experience of inputs like rainfall, sunshine, heat and unexpected weather events. 2023 was heralded early as a legendary vintage because of this exact scenario. Above average winter and spring rains set up an uneventful frost season that was followed by a mild growing season and a lack of harvest heat or rain. Winemakers were blessed to pick fruit exactly when they wanted it, and the wineries processed without the pressure to turn tanks. The word that keeps coming to mind with 2023 is seamless. Wines with an abundance of everything that flows uninterrupted from one element to the next.

### PARTNERSHIP

A partnership between Matt Hardin and Thomas Brown was formed during the 2014 vintage after countless years of working together. Out of that friendship the idea of utilizing the strengths of one another gave birth to Caterwaul wines. Matt Hardin, a 6th generation Pope Valley resident and farmer, is owner of Hardin Vineyard Management, one of the most renowned vineyard management companies in Northern California as well as his own Matthew Wallace Wines. Thomas Rivers Brown, winemaker for some of Napa and Sonoma's most iconic labels (Schrader Cellars, Outpost and his own Rivers-Marie, Aston & Dorsey), has more than sixty 100-point wines to his resume.



### APPELLATION:

*Rutherford, Napa Valley*

### VARIETAL:

*Cabernet Sauvignon*

### BARREL AGING:

*100% French Oak, 75% New,  
20 Months in barrel*

### ALCOHOL:

*14.5%*

### TOTAL PRODUCTION:

*514 Cases*