

CATERWAUL

2024 CATERWAUL RUTHERFORD NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NOTES

Our single-vineyard sourced Rutherford bottling continues to showcase the hallmark attributes of this coveted AVA. One could almost smell the “dust” on the nose. Near-sweet vanilla, cassis, and rosewood are notable with a mouthwatering savory nuance. The palate opens with the unmistakable intensity of the 2024 vintage—everything is present, fully realized and beautifully composed. Rich, dark fruit interplays with earthy black olive, almond extract and hints of grilled red meat. Rutherford’s signature fine-tannins tether these flavors into the polished finish, lending qualities of refinement and elegance that invite another sip.

VINTAGE

Following the recent pattern of above average rainfall and a cooler start to the growing season, 2024 mirrored the previous vintage until the end of September. A late, intense heat spell proved to be the finishing touch on a great vintage by providing an event that concentrated flavor within the grapes. Rewarding an extra dimension to those who were patient, the wines found another gear in intensity and brooding tannin. Tasting through the fermentations during harvest, the consistency of quality from one vineyard or tank to the next left little doubt about the character of the vintage.

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, marking his 31st harvest in Napa, continues to craft benchmark wines for regions and varietals grown throughout Northern California for longtime partners and intrepid new projects.



APPELLATION:

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:

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

ALCOHOL:

14.7%

TOTAL PRODUCTION:

146 Cases