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NAPA VALLEY

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal. Ample winter rains were followed by lots of spring and early summer sunshine. Bud break and flowering were slightly later than usual, but coincided with ideal weather conditions for healthy fruit set. The mild summer was followed by an equally ideal fall; allowing fruit to ripen with ample flavor and complexity with moderate sugar levels. Fermentation temperatures were kept deliberately low to retain fresh fruit flavors and color extraction. Carefully selected French oak barrels rounded out the *elevage* (or barrel aging) process, ensuring a wine rich character and complexity.

VINEYARD NOTES

The grapes for our Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from vineyards on either side of the Rutherford bench. One vineyard is located near Highway 29, the other, a small block along the Silverado Trail. In melding these two distinctive vineyard sources we find incredible complexity in our finished Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTES

Spice and red fruit aromas mingle with toasted oak and cocoa. The palate is well-structured with dense tannins bursting with flavors of black cherry and blackberry jam. A dusting of crushed mineral notes and a hint of dried herbs rounds out the palate leading to a punched-up finish which is sure to delight fans of Rutherford Cabernet.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION Rutherford District, Napa Valley | **OAK AGING** 20 months in French oak, 65% new

ALCOHOL 14.9% | **pH** 3.6 | **TA** 6.4 g/L | **Residual Sugar** .95 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 143 cases