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Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2018

We produce wines from specific American Viticultural Areas (AVA) to celebrate the unique terroir of the Napa Valley. Rutherford is now almost synonymous with great Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2018 vintage is sourced from a block of younger vines in a prestigious vineyard on the valley floor that also provides Chardonnay and additional Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a deep, dusty, robust Cabernet Sauvignon that unabashedly represents the terroir from which it was born.

Winemaker's Notes



Our Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon is big, bold, and dusty. This deep purple, robust wine is a classic example of Rutherford terroir at its finest. Initial aromas of dark fruits, vanillin and earth predominate, while sensations of cracked red peppercorns and violets evolve while the wine is in the glass. Notable tannins, exceptional balance, and a pronounced texture make this wine both enjoyable now and perfect to cellar.



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Vintage Notes



After a winemaker's vintage in 2017 the 2018 growing season was idyllic. It delivered a consistent growing season, followed by a long, slow-paced harvest. The near picture-perfect growing season began in late February. Spring was mild, with extended flowering yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained steady and warm throughout the growing season, without any significant heat spikes, making for a cool, unhurried harvest.

Pairing Insights



For a vegetarian dinner with the Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon try roasted trumpet mushrooms with Cabernet cream sauce and Point Reyes blue cheese on top of a roasted garlic puree. Make it especially decadent by adding it on top of a Ribeye.