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*Star Vineyard  
Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2019

*Vineyard Story*



Star Vineyard sits in the heart of the Rutherford wine growing appellation, between Highway 29 and Silverado Trail on the upper Rutherford bench. Founded in 1987 by Reg B. Oliver and well-known Napa Valley winemaker Ric Forman, Star vineyard has consistently produced stellar vintages of Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Pinot Noir. This sustainably farmed vineyard is currently managed and operated by Reg Oliver's son, Jack. Vintage after vintage, the Star Vineyard in Rutherford proves itself to be one of the premier sources of Cabernet Sauvignon in a region made famous by the varietal.

*Winemaker's Notes*



The palate is lush and generous, Robust flavors of blackberry, kirsch, kola nut, and sassafras, with sweet undertones of cocoa and espresso. Seamless from entry to finish, this is a rich, velvety, mouth filling wine with supple tannins and a persistent multi-textured finish. Charred oak, smoke and licorice add a considerable nuance of complexity on the finish.



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## *Vintage Notes*



The 2019 growing season was a lot like a long distance race. The beginning had it's share of intrigue, the middle was steady and predictable, and the end was action packed. The early part of the year was mild, with almost no frost to speak of but there was a decent amount of rain, saturating the soils and laying the groundwork for long growing season. The spring and summer were relatively calm and steady with no major events to speak of. As fall drew near, it became clear that the wet winter and mild summer were pushing the ripening schedule back. Even though harvest took us all of the way through October, the extra time on the vine imparted amazing structure and flavor development. The alternating pattern of warm and cool days throughout harvest allowed the fruit to maintain ideal levels of acidity. Look for fresh vibrant flavors and luscious, silky textures in the wines of the 2019 vintage.

## *Pairing Insights*



Try this Cabernet Sauvignon with Chef Derick's White Bean Cassoulet. Cassoulet is the definition of rich and needs a boldly flavored, full-bodied wine with great tannin structure. The Star Vineyard Cabernet is all of those things and more.