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# *Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2021

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 2021 vintage is sourced from two famed vineyards in Rutherford. This is a deep, dusty, robust Cabernet Sauvignon that unabashedly represents the terroir from which it was born.

## *Winemaker's Notes*



The nose is intensely perfumed and aromatic with initial aromas of dark fruits and vanillin, gradually shifting to reveal more nuanced notes of dried herbs. Dried currants, figs, and succulent black plums all make their presence known, while the inclusion of espresso roast adds an extra layer of depth and complexity to the palate. The wine's signature Rutherford character is expressed through the subtle interplay of dusty tannins.



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## *Vintage Notes*

The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest season. This years growing season can best be described as a cold start to a warm fast finish. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions. Harvest began early with white wine grapes picked in August and some reds started being picked in September. The drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor. The 2021 vintage will be marked with outstanding and intense flavor profiles.



## *Pairing Insights*

For a comforting appetizer with the Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon try Chef's smoked gouda arancini filled with braised short rib that cascades from the center. The hearty flavor profile accentuates the ever present Rutherford dust.

