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*Star Vineyard  
Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2021

*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*



A complex nose of wet earth and red raspberry are the aromatic backbones, followed by subtle undertones of green olive, dried cranberry, and cherries. The palate is expansive with bright red strawberries, rhubarb, dried mushrooms, and spice box. Prickly pear tannins dance across your palate, leaving you thirsting for more.



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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*



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.