



2018

Pat's Blend

ESTATE BOTTLED RED WINE

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was one of the mildest and smoothest in recent memory. Mild spring weather led to good fruit set in most varietals and moderate weather throughout the year made for ideal growing conditions. There were no major heat spikes, which gave us longer hang-time and great ripening on the vine. While a fairly long harvest, the 2018 crop delivered fruit with complex flavors and was of excellent quality.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Pat's Blend is a Bordeaux style red wine, crafted from fruit grown on our Rutherford Estate. Our site features loamy soils of gravel, clay and sand which help provide ample drainage and decrease the vigor of foliage growth. These ideal growing conditions allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green leafy taste of under-ripened fruit. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and was racked several times throughout the barreling process. After 27 months of aging in French oak barrels (70% new) the final blend was put together and bottled on January 21, 2021.

TASTING

Named for late winemaker Patrick (Pat) Foley, this wine was crafted to embody his bold character, fun-loving personality and relentless spirit. On the nose, strong notes of black cherry and black currant are complemented by hints of dark chocolate and vanilla. A viscous palate filled with flavors of ripe fig and blackberries with a pleasant acidity. The new French oak aging gives this wine a strong structure while also giving it a lingering, slightly sweet finish. Enjoy this bold blend with a New York steak accompanied by good conversation amongst good friends!

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.9%
VINEYARD	Foley Johnson Estate	TA	6.5 g/L
COMPOSITION	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot	pH	3.6
AGING	27 months in French oak, 70% new	BOTTLING DATE	January 2021
		PRODUCTION	255 9L cases

