



2021
HANDMADE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON - RUTHERFORD

VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season began with very little rain, which set the tone for another drought year in Northern California. The crop was very light with small berries, which were high in flavor concentration and of amazing quality. A warm summer and early fall were ideal for ripening and maturity of the fruit. While a light crop year, the 2021 vintage was a winemakers delight with exceptional fruit quality.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

In the heart of the Foley Johnson Rutherford Estate, our Cabernet Sauvignon is farmed in the famous “Rutherford Dust” that yields small, yet intense clusters from well-balanced vines. The ideal growing conditions in the vineyard allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green, leafy taste of under-ripe fruit. The grapes were harvested between September 10 and October 20, 2021. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and aged for 27 months in 40% new French oak before going into bottle on May 23, 2023.

TASTING

A textbook Rutherford Cabernet, this wine opens with a remarkable punch. Intense aromas of raspberry, plum, dried herbs, violet and lavender waft from the bottle. The palate is bold, yet refined with intricate layers of dark fruit, blackberry, and clove that persist on the finish. This wine is well-suited to pairing with grilled portobello mushroom, venison, or steak. It will continue to evolve beautifully for 7-12 years.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	15.0%
VINEYARD	Foley Johnson Estate	TA	5.98 g/L
COMPOSITION	99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot	pH	3.52
AGING	27 months in French oak, 40% new	BOTTLING DATE	May 23, 2023
		PRODUCTION	538 cases