

PRODUCTION

108 cases

2021 Pat's Blend 2 O 2 I ESTATE BOTTLED RED

## 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

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 18months of aging in French oak barrels (30% new) the final blend was assembled and bottled on December 15, 2023.

## TASTING

Named for late winemaker Patrick (Pat) Foley, this wine was crafted to embody his bold character, fun-loving personality and relentless spirit. Upon opening, aromas of toasty oak, cinnamon, vanilla, plum and cherry waft from the glass. The robust mouthfeel maintains intrigue as flavors of spicy white pepper, plum, and cocoa powder flow across the palate. Medium tannins and a long finish make this wine an ideal pairing with a hamburger, pizza, or meatloaf and will continue to evolve with proper cellaring for 10 to 15 years.

## STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	15.5%
VINEYARD	Foley Johnson Estate	TA	7.3 g/L
COMPOSITION	70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16 % Petit Verdot, 14% Malbec	рН	3.62
	The Manager	BOTTLING DATE	December 15, 2023
AGING	18 months in French oak, 30% new		

