

2020
HANDMADE
CABERNET FRANC - RUTHERFORD

VINTAGE

The winter of 2019-2020 produced average rainfall in Napa County with the bulk of rainfall January through May. Spring temperatures were mild and warm, with bud break two weeks earlier than average. Temperatures during the summer were above average, which led to early grape ripening and an early harvest. The fruit for our 2020 Cabernet Franc was harvested just prior to the Glass Fire which damaged many wineries in Napa and Sonoma counties.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

In the heart of the Foley Johnson Rutherford Estate, our Cabernet Franc 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 varieties to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green, leafy taste of under-ripe fruit. The grapes were harvested in September 2020 under clear skies. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and aged for 20 months in 30% new French oak before going into bottle on July 1, 2022.

TASTING

Our 2020 Handmade Cabernet Franc opens with bright fruit aromas of cherry, plum and blueberry, and earthy notes of dried herbs and fresh mint. This wine is big and bold on the palate, with red fruit flavors of cherry, raspberry and plum. Medium-firm tannins are present on the long, creamy finish.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.5%
VINEYARD	Foley Johnson Estate	TA	6.89 g/L
COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Franc	pH	3.49
AGING	20 months in French oak, 30% new	BOTTLING DATE	July 1, 2022
PRODUCTION	190 cases		