



2020
MALBEC - RUTHERFORD
HANDMADE

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 Sauvignon was harvested just prior to the Glass Fire which damaged many wineries in Napa and Sonoma counties.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The Foley Johnson Rutherford Estate Handmade Malbec is grown on 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. After 18 months of aging in 60% new French oak, the wine was bottled.

TASTING

The 2020 Malbec is elegant and full-bodied. It opens with aromas of plum, blueberry, fresh cherry, and notes of forest floor. The palate mirrors the nose, adding strawberry and toasted oak to the bright, long finish.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	13.8%
COMPOSITION	100% Malbec	TA	6.81 g/L
AGING	18 months in French oak, 60% new	pH	3.63