



2023
MALBEC - RUTHERFORD
HANDMADE

VINTAGE

The winter of 2022-2023 saw record rainfall, ending years of drought conditions in Napa County. With below average temperatures in winter and spring, budbreak was significantly delayed. Continued cool weather through summer led to harvest beginning 2 weeks later than average. This gave the grapes ample time to hang on the vine which helped develop full flavors while maintaining vibrant acidity.

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 30% new French oak, the wine was bottled.

TASTING

The 2023 Handmade Rutherford Malbec is bursting with pronounced aromas of black plum, crushed purple rose, bright strawberry, fresh sage, clove, and warm loam soil. This is a full-bodied, elegant wine. Blueberry pie and black cherry liqueur flow across the palate, supported by silky tannins. Pair with ground beef empanadas with chimichurri sauce or braised pork shank.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	15.0%
COMPOSITION	94% Malbec, 4% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon	TA	6.44 g/L
AGING	18 months in French oak, 30% new	pH	3.65

