



PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2022 RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



SINCE THE 1930S, RUTHERFORD REGION HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A SOURCE OF SUPERLATIVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON IN NAPA VALLEY. WITH 32 ACRES OF ESTATE VINEYARDS IN THIS SINGLE APPELLATION, WE MAKE THE MOST OF THE AREA'S WELL-DRAINED GRAVEL AND LOAM SOILS PRODUCING WINES OF OUTSTANDING BALANCE AND ELEGANCE. OUR MOST PRIZED VINES GROW ON TOP OF A KNOLL AT THE VINEYARD'S MOST EASTERN EDGE OF OUR VINEYARD AT THE BASE OF THE MAYACAMAS. WHERE NUTRIENT-POOR, POROUS TUFF SOIL PROMOTES DEEP ROOTS, RESULTING IN CABERNET SAUVIGNON OF REMARKABLE DEPTH AND CONCENTRATION.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season in Napa Valley saw record-breaking weather events, with 80% of the total rainfall arriving before the new year. This filled vineyard ponds for the first time in two years but was followed by the driest three months on record, leading to an early bud break. Despite the dry spell, healthier canopies resulted from earlier rains. The summer was generally average but slightly warmer than 2021. Harvest started 5 to 7 days earlier than the previous year and was 15% lighter but of exceptional quality. A Labor Day heat wave accelerated harvest, later cooled by a late September rain event. Overall, the 2022 harvest was the most condensed in recent memory.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-harvested at night from September 8th to October 12th when temperatures often dip to 50°F to capture vibrant acidity and fruit expression in the wine. We first cold-soaked the must (crushed grapes) for gentle extraction and then ferment in stainless steel, concrete and oak barrel fermenters at 88°F. Rigorous pump-overs, increasing during the peak of the fermentation, developed deep color, rich varietal character and fine tannins in the wine. The wine was aged in 33% new French oak barrels to meld the bright fruit expression with oak spice nuances. After three months of aging, we blended the vineyard components allowing them to marry for a total of 20 months of barrel élevage. This wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered to present the attributes of the vineyard in the purest form possible, from the dirt to the glass!

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	ALC	pH	TA
98% Cabernet Sauvignon	15.5%	3.83	5.9 g/L
1% Petit Verdot & 1% Malbec			

TASTING NOTES

The Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon whisks you straight to the candy shop, leading with sweet notes of Raspberry Tootsie Pop, milk chocolate and vanilla. As the wine evolves, it shifts gracefully towards earthier tones, revealing subtle layers of tomato leaf, pine needles, and fresh soil. Dark and delectable flavors of blackberry, black cherry and anise coast across a baseline rooted in forest floor and loamy characteristics. Robust upfront with peach fuzz and stewed plum notes, the rich and cacao-driven palate cinches down before a tacky and unhurried finish. The edgy palate is illuminated by a focused acidity, showcasing the precise structure of the wine.

