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2023 RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Blend: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

Alc: 14.5% by vol. | **Aging:** 10 Months in French oak, 30% new

pH: 3.76 | **Acidity:** 5.5 g/mL | **Residual Sugar:** 3.5 g/L

VINEYARDS

The grapes, sourced from the gravelly soils typical of Rutherford, were harvested at optimal maturity to ensure a balance of intense fruit flavors and structural tannins. After careful sorting and destemming, the grapes were fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to preserve the integrity of the fruit and facilitate the extraction of color, flavors, and tannins. This controlled fermentation also allowed for the development of a complex flavor profile foundational to a premium Cabernet Sauvignon. Following fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the acidity and enrich the mouthfeel, adding a creamy texture to the robust tannins. The maturation process involved aging the wine in French oak barrels for several months. A mix of new and used barrels was selected to impart depth and complexity while ensuring that the oak flavors were well-integrated and complemented the wine's natural fruit characteristics without overpowering them. This strategic use of oak was essential to develop the wine's depth and enhance its aging potential while maintaining the elegant profile typical of Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE

The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon from Rutherford is a distinguished wine that beautifully captures the unique terroir of this esteemed Napa Valley sub-region. It boasts a deep, rich garnet color, indicative of its depth and intensity. On the nose, this Cabernet Sauvignon exudes a complex bouquet of dark fruits like blackcurrant and blackberry, elegantly complemented by the classic Rutherford dust—earthy and mineral nuances that add a distinctive character. Layers of cedar, tobacco, and a hint of dark chocolate further enrich the aromatic profile, providing sophistication and allure. The palate is full-bodied and robust, with a luxurious texture that envelops the mouth. The flavors of ripe dark cherries and plums are predominant, supported by well-structured, velvety tannins that contribute to a solid backbone. Subtle notes of vanilla and spice from meticulous oak aging integrate seamlessly, enhancing the complexity of the wine. The finish is long and persistent, with a lingering elegance and a touch of minerality that invites another sip.

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