

REPUTATION

2024 RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Blend: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petite Sirah, 3% Malbec, 3% Merlot

Alc: 14.5% by vol. | **Aging:** 12 Months in French oak

pH: 3.75 | **Acidity:** 5.4 g/mL | **Residual Sugar:** 2 g/L

VINEYARDS

The grapes, grown in the well-drained, gravelly soils of Rutherford, were harvested at optimal maturity to ensure a balance of sugar, acidity, and complex flavor profiles. Following a meticulous sorting process, the grapes were crushed and fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to enhance color, flavor, and tannin extraction. This controlled fermentation process was crucial for developing the wine's rich structure and depth. Post-fermentation, the wine was aged in French oak barrels, with a significant portion being new, to impart subtle notes of vanilla, spice, and toast. This oak aging not only contributed to the wine's complexity but also softened its tannins, resulting in a well-rounded and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon. The barrels were carefully selected to ensure that the oak complemented the natural flavors of the wine without overwhelming them, allowing the characteristic 'Rutherford Dust'—a term often used to describe the unique earthy quality of wines from this area—to shine through. The result is a sophisticated wine that promises excellent aging potential and reflects the rich heritage of Rutherford winemaking.

WINE

Boasting a deep, rich garnet color, inviting a deeper exploration of its complex aromas and flavors. On the nose, this Cabernet exudes a luxurious bouquet of dark fruits like blackcurrant and black cherries, elegantly intertwined with refined notes of cedar, tobacco, and a hint of bell pepper, providing a sophisticated depth. The palate is robust and full-bodied, featuring a luxurious texture and layers of juicy blackberry and plum, complemented by the iconic 'Rutherford Dust' earthiness and well-integrated oak influences that impart subtle notes of vanilla and spice. The tannins are firm yet polished, providing a solid structure that promises good aging potential, while the finish is long and persistent, leaving a lingering impression of elegance and richness.

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