



Three Victorians

RUTHERFORD of NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

~ 2020 ~

THE VINTAGE

2020 kicked off with ideal growing conditions. Mild temperatures led to evenly developed clusters and an early budbreak was followed by a warm to hot summer. Low winter rains resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. Harvest began in early August with normal yields and exceptional fruit quality.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes for this Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested on September 27 and October 5 from two valley floor vineyards within Rutherford. The Ticen vineyard, which also lends its name to the Victorian home depicted on the label, and the second vineyard, located on the eastern side of the Napa River are both planted on clay loam soils. The grapes went through extended maceration and were on skins for an average of 51 days. The wine was aged for 18 months in a combination of new French oak barrels from Ermitage and Saury with the balance in twice and thrice used barrels. The wine was bottled on July 7, 2022 unfinned and unfiltered.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is a dark purple Cabernet Sauvignon with aromas of stewed plums, tobacco, blueberry and raspberry. Rich black fruit flavors, layered with chocolate, allspice and notes of dusty earth, coat the palate. Full-bodied, the tannins are velvety and well-balanced and lead to a lingering finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING: 18 months in 46% new French oak

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.69

TA: 6.1g/L