

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2014 District Collection Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.80

TA: 6.2/L

FERMENTATION: 19 months in 55% New French oak

PRODUCTION: 738 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

We selected grapes from some of our finest vineyards in Rutherford. Two-thirds originated from our Estate and one-third from a vineyard on the west side of Rutherford. The estate vineyards are planted on deeper soil and tend to be warmer on average which provides volume and texture to the wine. The grapes from the west side are in a cooler site which provides coffee notes and a subtle minerality.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

A mix of clone 33, 169 and clone 4, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 34-49 days with pumpovers twice daily. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged in 100% French oak barrels, with 55% new oak. Tightly grained Taransaud, Baron, and Ermitage barrels were selected because of their ability to slowly impart oak to the wine for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2014 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of Rainier cherry with a touch of light blonde roast coffee. Flavors of Santa Rosa plum and raspberry compote with a wet stone finish are complemented with a lot of good structure. This Cabernet Sauvignon is with nice cherries on the palate and has a bright balanced acidity, a lot of good structure, firm tannins and sandalwood characteristics that pair well with seared filet mignon or veal chops.