



2023 RUTHERFORD NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Established in 1976 by renowned vintners Margaret and Dan Duckhorn, Duckhorn Vineyards is an iconic Napa Valley winery deeply rooted in a rich legacy of tradition. Renowned for its extraordinary Cabernet Sauvignon, the Rutherford appellation produces some of the world's most coveted grapes and this wine is a testament to the artistry and dedication that defines each vintage of our storied history.

VINTAGE NOTES

In 2023, heavy winter and spring rains delayed budbreak and set the stage for one of the latest vintages in decades. Cooler spring temperatures led to an extended flowering period with our team applying post-veraison thinning to achieve a balanced crop. As the season progressed, temperatures remained below average, which provided additional hangtime but required extra patience. Our patience paid off, with 2023 offering one of our most unique and rewarding vintages to date! Semillon harvest began on August 28th with Sauvignon Blanc soon following. With no significant heat events, the grapes were able to ripen beautifully. Harvest concluded on November 9th with Cabernet Sauvignon from Oak Knoll and Howell Mountain. Our 2023 whites are crisp, with ideal flavor development and bright acids, and the reds are pure, supple and balanced, with vibrant acidity, fresh flavors, and intense colors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Structured and inviting, this wine captures the depth and nuance of Rutherford with clarity. Aromas of dark chocolate, fig, blackberry, blueberry, and crushed violets develop with finesse, bringing dimension to both nose and palate. Graphite and fine dusty tannins lend texture and drive, carrying through to a finish that is long, composed, and quietly powerful.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
SUB-APPELLATION	Rutherford
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 16 months in 100% French oak 50% new, 50% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.72
ACIDITY	0.58 g/100 ml



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