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Rutherford AVA

120 Cases Produced

Alcohol % 15.5

Harvest Date 11/3/2023

Bottling Date 7/30/2025

22 Months in 60% New French Oak

2023 ACUITY Cabernet Sauvignon



acuity ~ keenness of vision or insight

Nestled in the heart of the Rutherford AVA, the distinguished Star Vineyard enjoys the valley's widest stretch, basking in abundant sunshine and cool nights. Its fertile soils—a mix of gravelly alluvial and volcanic—imbue the vines with remarkable depth and complexity. This vineyard yields Cabernet Sauvignon of unmatched character: wines with fine, grainy tannins, vibrant fruit, and an enduring allure. The interplay of nature and nurture crafts wines that epitomize the elegance and legacy of Rutherford's viticultural excellence.

The 2023 harvest in Napa Valley's Rutherford AVA unfolded over a long, measured season that gave fruit time to develop balance and complexity. A cool, wet winter restored soil moisture, and mild spring and summer weather supported steady vine growth without major heat stress. The extended hang time encouraged concentrated flavors, refined tannins, and bright acidity. Rutherford's well-drained alluvial soils and warm days produced Cabernet Sauvignon with depth, structure, and elegance. Fruit arrived in excellent condition, and the vintage showed strong promise for purity, balance, and age-worthy character over time.

Winemaker Notes: "Sourced primarily from the acclaimed Star Vineyard in Napa Valley's renowned Rutherford AVA, this Cabernet Sauvignon is a compelling expression of one of the region's most celebrated terroirs. Deep, opaque ruby in color, it opens with layered aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry, dark cherry, and ripe red plum, accented by cedar, clove, baking spice, and a subtle touch of vanilla from 22 months in 66% new French oak. The full-bodied palate is rich and impeccably balanced, with vibrant red and dark fruit framed by fine-grained tannins that create a seamless, luxurious texture. Nuances of dark chocolate, espresso, crushed stone, and savory herbs add depth, while bright acidity provides freshness and precision.

Bottled unfiltered and unfined, the wine finishes long and persistent with exceptional structure and elegance. Enjoyable now with decanting, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is built for long-term cellaring and is expected to evolve beautifully through 2041, with the potential to reward patience well beyond."

~ Kirk Venge