

GAMBLE

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RUTHERFORD
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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WINE GROWING INFORMATION

Vineyards/Blocks: C.C. Ranch

Clones: Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 7, Cabernet Franc Clone 327

Acreage: 115 acres

Soils: Primarily gravel, sand, and loam, the vineyard is dominated by volcanic deposits and Franciscan marine sediment, providing excellent water drainage and ideal growing conditions

Microclimate: The Rutherford AVA, sheltered from coastal fog, is one of Napa Valley's warmest and sunniest spots, with high temperatures and ample sunlight creating ideal conditions for rich, full-bodied wines. The well-drained, gravelly soils here add complexity and the signature "Rutherford Dust" character to our wines.

Vineyard Background: Since the C.C. Ranch came into the care of Colette Gamble's Carpy-Conolly family over 150 years ago, it has been a treasured part of our family legacy. Now entrusted to the care of Gamble Estates, we have revived its stream habitats, hillsides, and vines growing in some of Napa Valley's oldest stones, mixing with the fabled Rutherford Dust. Primarily gravel, sand, and loam soils, the vineyard is dominated by volcanic deposits and Franciscan marine sediment, providing excellent water drainage and ideal growing conditions. Located in the geographic center of the Napa Valley on an east-west axis, this vineyard possesses dramatic hillside plantings on Craig's Hill, with a breathtaking view of the valley at the top.

VINTAGE NOTES

One of Napa Valley's coolest growing seasons since 1980, 2023 was nearly picture-perfect. A wet winter replenished soils and a moderate summer allowed fruit to ripen at an even, unhurried pace. Brief late warmth added concentration without sacrificing acidity and a dry harvest gave us the flexibility to pick each block at its ideal moment. The wines show layered dark fruit, firm yet supple tannins, and lively acidity, structured for both immediate enjoyment and cellaring.

Harvest Dates: Cabernet Sauvignon - 10.2.23 - 10.5.23, Cabernet Franc - 10.10.23

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2023 Gamble Estates Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon opens with expressive aromas of blackberry, cassis, and dark cherry layered with black tea, earthy undertones, and a subtle minty herbal note. The palate is defined by its hallmark silkiness with juicy dark fruit. Framed by fine-grained tannins and bright, integrated acidity, the wine is accented by hints of cocoa and graphite. The long, seamless finish echoes dark berry notes and a touch of savory freshness.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Barrel Aging: Aged 20 months in 44% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

Barrel Selection: Demptos, Taransaud, Ermitage

pH: 3.81

Skin Contact: 19-21 days

TA: 5.7 g/L

Varietal Breakdown: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc

Cases Produced: 388