

## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RUTHERFORD ESTATE NAPA VALLEY

**VINEYARD:** Rutherford Estate

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

MATURATION: 18 months in 50% new French oak, 50% neutral French

oak

**CASE PRODUCTION: 398** 

FOOD AFFINITIES: LMR grass-fed Highland beef, braised lamb shanks,

or roasted game

## **WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:**

"The best of our Rutherford Estate shines on entry with aromas of c herry, ripe raspberry, and red currants. More red fruit and notes of lightly toasted hazelnut emerge on the palate. A mouthwatering acidity and long soft tannins evoke a classically styled Cabernet Sauvignon that will delight for many years to come." – Justin Carr

## **GROWING SEASON:**

The 2021 vintage brought small, intensely-flavored berries and a predictable harvest. Spring had very little rain – the second year in a row with extreme drought conditions. These dry conditions were beneficial to the vines and meant less pruning and even cluster development. Harvest began and ended earlier compared to previous vintages bringing us extremely concentrated, juicy berries.

## LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.