



2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RUTHERFORD NAPA VALLEY

One of the most historic and sought after Cabernet Sauvignon properties in the world — A2, as we denote it — was originally owned and planted by Thomas Rutherford in 1895. Georges de Latour, founder of Beaulieu, purchased the site in 1928, and it became the home to BV's Rutherford Cabernets made by renowned winemaker Andre Tchelistcheff throughout the '60's and '70's. The site was then purchased by Beckstoffer Vineyards in 1988. Mauricio Soto and team have replanted using modern clones, trellising, and spacing to yield optimum quality. Wines from this vineyard consistently score in the high 90s. It is opulent, rich, and full-bodied, with black currant, cedar, cassis, black-licorice, and cherry complimented by earthy flavors associated with the Rutherford Dust terroir.

## **GROWING SEASON**

Despite its challenges, the 2020 vintage will not be left out of the history books, though it will be remembered for factors beyond any normal expectations. In Patrick's estimation, the 2020 growing season was consistent with the last decade in Napa Valley: a dry spring and summer, with long stretches of warm days regularly tempered by the cool nights. Such conditions are ideal for maintaining the balance of fruit and acidity that help define quality wine grapes. While the '20 Napa Valley harvest proved to be one of the most challenging in history, PV365 team remained optimistic and came together to work under difficult and dangerous times to produce a portfolio of beautiful, well-balanced, meticulously crafted 2020 PV365 wines. The story of this vintage will continue to unfold over the years to come. We believe the rewards are well worth it!

## WINEMAKING

PV365's Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from A2 Vineyard on September 15, 2020. Post-harvest, the grapes went through a three-day cold soak, a 12-day primary fermentation, and then a 14-day extended maceration for color and tannin extraction. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrels before the beginning of 22 months of aging in new and used French oak barrels.

## TASTING NOTES

This historic vineyard located off Silverado Trail on the Valley floor is widely recognized for the wines of exceptional quality produced from its vines. The challenging 2020 growing conditions nevertheless saw PV365 bottle a wine worthy of A2's long history. This Rutherford Cabernet's aromas are a complex array of dark fruits, anise and cocoa powder;- currants and spice follow, along with intriguing butterscotch and mocha notes adding even more aromatic complexity. On the palate, a balanced combination of red and black fruits, bright, high-toned acidity, and a long finish framed by smooth, integrated tannins make for a wonderfully expressive, full-bodied Napa Cabernet with a luxurious mouthfeel—a wine built for aging, but good luck trying to wait!

## **SPECIFICS**

WINE: 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD: A2 Vineyard

AVA: Rutherford, Napa Valley

HARVESTED: September 15, 2020

BRIX @ HARVEST: 25.7°

AGING: 22 months, 60% new, 100% French oak

BLEND: 94.75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.25% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Malbec, 0.5% Merlot

PH: 3.74 TA: 5.9 g/L ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Plums, raspberries, vanilla bean FLAVORS: Blackberries, fig, dark cherries

PROFILE: Full bodied with a beautiful texture, explosive aromatics, luxurious mouthfeel, and length