



Round Pond

E S T A T E

Patriarch Bob MacDonnell spent many summers as a child relaxing and camping at West Point's recreation area in New York. Named *Round Pond*, this source of idyllic youthful memories became the inspiration for our family's Napa Valley home and winery.

ACCOLADES

2016 VINTAGE: **93 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST, **92 PTS** VINOUS, **92 PTS** JAMES SUCKLING, **90 PTS** WINE SPECTATOR, **90 PTS** WINE ADVOCATE

2015 VINTAGE: **92 PTS** VINOUS, **90 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

2014 VINTAGE: **92 PTS** VINOUS, **91 PTS & CELLAR SELECTION** WINE ENTHUSIAST, **95 PTS & DOUBLE GOLD** SAN FRANCISCO WINE COMPETITION

2013 VINTAGE: **94 PTS** WINE ADVOCATE, **92 PTS** VINOUS, **91 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

WINEMAKING NOTES

A true reflection of that signature Rutherford dust, this Cabernet Sauvignon embodies an old world meets new world style. The Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon is hand crafted entirely from our Rutherford Estate, sourcing from the top 5% off the property. Exhibiting rich characteristics of dark complex fruits, minerality and balanced intensity, the layers of this wine truly reflect our vineyards terroir.

TASTING NOTES

Our flagship Estate Cabernet Sauvignon evolves in the glass with alluring aromas of ripe blueberries, black cherry, star anise, baking spices, and minerality reflective of our infamous "Rutherford Dust." Elegant and dark, the wine gracefully dances across the palate with flavors ranging from lush blackberry preserve, rhubarb pie, and sage. Supple and layered with refined tannins, the mid-palate is enhanced with notes of mocha leading to chocolate-covered cherries on the finish. This Cabernet Sauvignon may be enjoyed now and will age gracefully over time.

VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

In 2016, bud break in the Napa Valley was early for white varietals and later for reds. A consistent supply of rain in the winter months with a slight increase around the start of March was a welcome reprieve from the drought experienced in Napa Valley over several previous years. The higher moisture content in the soil allowed the vines to grow steadily throughout the season, without the normal heat spikes in July and August. Because of this, the fruit was able to hang longer on the vine and ripen more uniformly, helping to concentrate flavors. The result is a vintage where Mother Nature collaborated with the vineyard, allowing us to make elegant wines with depth and complexity.

WINEMAKER: Thomas Rivers Brown

VARIETALS: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec, 1% Merlot

AGING: 18 months in 70% new tight-grain French oak

RELEASE DATE: March 1st, 2019

SRP: \$75.00



2016 RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON