



# Round Pond

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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

2017 VINTAGE: **93 PTS** THE TASTING PANEL

2016 VINTAGE: **92 PTS** VINOUS, **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

## 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 bursts from the glass with alluring aromas of ripe blackberry, bright cherry and minerality reflective of our infamous "Rutherford Dust." Creamy, rich, and generous, this wine shows essences of plum and cocoa which marry well with hints of green peppercorn, licorice and tarragon. Elegant and supple, this wine illustrates refined tannins and a pleasing granite-like finish reflecting the diverse flavors found on our Rutherford estate vineyards. This Cabernet Sauvignon is ready to be enjoyed now and will age gracefully over time.

## VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

The 2017 season started with a memorable amount of rainfall, which was a refreshing change after five years of drought conditions. Summer brought numerous 100+ degree heat spikes, which made our daily checks on sugar, flavors and acids helpful in ensuring an earlier harvest than past vintages. Hand-harvested in late September and pressed as whole clusters, the wine was aged in New French Oak. 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 & John Wilson

VARIETALS: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec, 4% Merlot

AGING: 20 months in 70% new tight-grain French oak

RELEASE DATE: March 1st, 2020

SRP: \$75.00

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS: Vegan Friendly, Gluten Free



2017 RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON