



2011

RUTHERFORD HILLSIDE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Winemaker Notes

2011 was an unusually cool vintage in Napa Valley, with weather patterns that required great attention to detail in our vineyards. Working by hand to open the vine canopies to air and sunlight and trimming away sub-optimum fruit, we are able to harvest relatively low yields of small, concentrated berries that yielded expressive and complex wines. Further culling in the cellar produced our 2011 Rutherford Reserve, a massive Cabernet that displays classic blackberry and black cherry aromas laced with chocolate, caramel and Herbes de Provence. These same ripe fruit notes are at the core of the wine's young flavors, accompanied by hints of loamy earth, olive tapenade and sweet oak which add to the layered, complex profile. Richly structured with fine-grained tannins, the 2011 Rutherford Reserve is a classic representation of this spectacular Napa sub-appellation.

All the Facts

Appellation:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Cases Produced:	400
Aging:	22 months, 90% new French oak, 10% one year old French oak
Suggested Retail Price:	\$125
Enjoyability:	Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork now until 2022 for optimum enjoyment.

On the Vine

The Flora Springs Estate is unique in the Napa Valley winemaking landscape, as the boundary between the St. Helena and Rutherford appellations runs right through the middle of our property—along a creek on the valley floor which winds up through the hillside of the renowned Rutherford bench. The fruit for our Rutherford Hillside Reserve Cabernet comes from the Rutherford side, from Block J next to Flora and Jerry's original house. This tiny hillside block, tucked away in the far northwest corner of the Rutherford appellation, consistently produces some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon grapes we farm.



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