



CORNERSTONE
CELLARS • NAPA VALLEY

2018 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon

Founded in 1991 by Michael Dragutsky, Cornerstone Cellars is the quintessential Napa Valley mountain and benchland producer of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our winemaking led by Kari Auringer honors Napa Valley's great heritage by crafting intense, elegant and balanced wines that stand among the very best winegrowing estates in the world. Through intellectual rigor, humility, and with the utmost respect for the land, Cornerstone Cellars aims to make wines that truly speak to its exceptional vineyard sites in the most authentic and genuine way possible.



2018 Vintage

In Northern California, we had an extremely dry winter. March and April brought us an abundant amount of much-needed rain. This surge of rain brought us closer to “normal” and the reservoirs are looking fairly full. A mild winter and cool spring delayed budbreak and bloom by as much as two weeks. Cool, steady summer temperatures pushed out veraison by another week or two. We avoided any major heat spikes that we have come to expect in August and September, which pushed out harvest even further. The near-perfect weather just prior to harvest gave us plenty of time to pick at peak ripeness. Yields are up over past years and the fruit is of superb quality.

The Appellation

This vineyard lies in the sweetspot of the Napa Valley, planted on the gravelly bed of an ancient stream, known as the Rutherford bench. The valley floor tends to produce broader, bigger, more lush wines compared to the mountain vineyards.

2018 Tasting Notes

A classic vintage for Rutherford Cabernet showing the familiar dark, rich, ripe aromas of black cherry, plum and boysenberry. True to its unique terroir and well drained soil this part of the Napa valley consistently produces wines with concentration and great depth. Lush and smooth on entry, the complex layers of sweet black fruit, spice and black licorice are well integrated with a touch toasty oak influence. This full-bodied wine finishes with integrated, resolved tannins and balanced acidity allowing it to play well now, but giving it the longevity to evolve in the cellar.

2018 Winemaking Notes

Vintage:	2018
Appellation:	93% Rutherford 7% Oakville
Vineyard:	93% Famous Rutherford Vineyard 7% Oakville Station
Varietals:	93% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Merlot
Harvest Date:	October 24, 2018
Cooperage:	65% New French oak 35% 2-Year French oak
Alcohol:	15.2%
pH:	3.79
TA:	5.10 g/L
Bottling Date:	July 23, 2020
Production:	633 6-pack cases
Retail	\$120