



# LABRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY 2019

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### Vintage Notes

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. Volume is looking to be about average to a little less than average. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

### Source

Labry Estate, Rutherford AVA

### Vineyard

All grapes are harvested on the Labry Estate property which lies on the southwest end of the Rutherford AVA just north of the Oakville AVA in the shadows of Mount St. John the tallest mountain in the Mayacamas Mountain Range. Our soils are made up of an alluvial fan pushed down from the nearby mountains, as well as, volcanic rock and ash dating back millions of years when the valley was laced with active volcanoes. The vines are now 24 years old and were planted by David Abreu (Cabernet Sauvignon clone #7 and root stock 03916) and our vineyard row spacing is 6x5 feet.

### Winemaking

Gently basket pressed in a JLB basket press, FX10 yeast, native malolactic fermentation and 28 days on skins in a stainless steel fermenter. Pump overs done with sprinklers and then inert racked three times during elevage. Gravity flow and inert gasses are utilized in the winery as to not disturb or violently interact with the wine. Aged 22 months before it's bottled unfiltered and unfiltered then laid to rest in bottle.

### Tasting Notes

The 2019 Labry Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon could be our best yet showing signs of our signature restraint and elegance. The 2019 will no doubt age beautifully in the cellar, yet still be very approachable in it's youth. The nose opens up with characteristics of fresh fennel, blueberry scone and black cherry with the French Oak expressing itself in hints of re-purposed barn wood and new money. The palate is red fruit driven with bing cherries and red plums along side the toasted oak notes which now come through as brown baking spices all while holding true to the elegant texture Labry has become known for. We suggest laying this down for 3-5 years at minimum, but if you must drink now you'll be more than satisfied.

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### Variety

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### Soil Type

Alluvial and Volcanic

### Clones

Cabernet Sauvignon #7

### ABV

14.8%

### Aging

Aged 22 months in 75% new, 25% once used thin stave, tight grain French oak barrels

### Cooperage

Taransaud Center of France - Medium Plus Toast;  
Ermitage Tronçais Forest - Medium Long Toast;  
Baron Center of France - Premium Medium Plus Toast;  
Demptos Reserve Center of France - Medium Plus Toast

### Production Size & Release Date

142 Cases, Spring 2021

