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2023

Pat's Blend

ESTATE BOTTLED CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE

The winter of 2022-2023 saw record rainfall, ending years of drought conditions in Napa County. With below average temperatures in winter and spring, budbreak was significantly delayed. Continued cool weather through summer led to harvest beginning 2 weeks later than average. This gave the grapes ample time to hang on the vine which helped develop full flavors while maintaining vibrant acidity.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Pat's Blend is a Bordeaux style red wine, crafted from fruit grown on our Rutherford Estate. Our site features loamy soils of gravel, clay and sand which help provide ample drainage and decrease the vigor of foliage growth. These ideal growing conditions allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green leafy taste of under-ripened fruit. Grapes are hand-harvested in the cool early morning hours to preserve their fresh, vibrant character. Upon arrival at the winery, the fruit is destemmed and begins a one-day cold soak in stainless steel to gently extract color and aromatics. During fermentation, the wine undergoes daily pumpovers to ensure depth and structure, capturing the perfect balance of color and tannin. Once the ideal profile is achieved, the wine is pressed and moved to barrels for malolactic fermentation and 18 months of aging.

TASTING

Named for late winemaker Patrick (Pat) Foley, this wine was crafted to embody his bold character, fun-loving personality and relentless spirit. The 2023 Pat's Blend—a sophisticated Rutherford blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, and 3% Malbec—is fun and lively on the nose, bursting with brambly red fruit, blueberry, and blackberry. Ripe plum and dried thyme are balanced by structured notes of cedar plank, dark chocolate, and warm baking spices. On the palate, the wine is weighty and full-bodied, offering a surge of red fruit energy alongside cassis, espresso, and an earthy mulberry depth. Fine-grained tannins provide a polished structure that carries into a long, rich finish, making it a perfect companion for savory dishes like pan-seared chicken with Dijon mustard sauce or a hearty French onion soup.



STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Foley Johnson Estate
COMPOSITION	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 3% Malbec
AGING	18 months in French oak, 75% new
PRODUCTION	205 cases
ALCOHOL	15.5%
TA	6.49 g/L
pH	3.64
BOTTLING DATE	August 6, 2025

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