



2022 GEORGES DE LATOUR PRIVATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Beaulieu Vineyard Reserve wines are handcrafted from the finest grapes of the vintage, focusing on our premier estates in Rutherford, Carneros, and other Napa Valley appellations. Our Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon has been widely recognized as the benchmark Cabernet Sauvignon from Rutherford since its inaugural vintage in 1936. Our understanding of terroir comes from more than 100 years of creating rich, classic Napa Valley wines.

TASTING NOTES

Exemplifying power, elegance, approachability, and finesse, the 2022 vintage opens with delicate dusty rose, wild violet, red berries, caramel crème, and sweet baking spice from the well-integrated oak. The palate is plush and expansive, with a bountiful core of cassis, red currant, cherry, and ripe raspberry. A velvety-smooth, viscous mouthfeel and gentle signature “Rutherford Dust” tannins contribute to its refined structure and balance. The finish lingers with notes of pomegranate, kir royale, floral, and fresh mint. Incredibly drinkable upon release, this classic Napa Valley Cabernet will remain juicy and inviting for many years to come.

VINTAGE

The winter of 2022 was warm and dry. Rain and cooler weather arrived toward the end of March. The mild spring brought a promising early beginning, while the summer surprised us with cool mornings and warmer afternoons. As a result, the harvest produced smaller berries with concentrated flavors and remarkable acidity, resulting in balanced, excellent wines.

VINEYARDS

We hand-selected the best grapes from our iconic BV Ranches No. 1 and No. 2. Originally planted by Georges de Latour in the early 1900s, these vineyards lie on the western bench of the Rutherford AVA. We focused on clonal selections 6, 4, 169, 7, and 8, which yield small berries with the high skin-to-juice ratio needed to make intense, long-lived wines. These vines are deeply rooted in the well-draining, alluvial-fan soils of Rutherford, which is considered one of the finest regions in the Napa Valley for Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINEMAKING

At our state-of-the-art winery, dedicated exclusively to Georges de Latour Private Reserve, a portion of the wine was fermented in new French oak barrels for early integration and dense, rich texture. The balance was fermented in stainless steel and concrete tanks to preserve the fruit's freshness. After extended skin contact, the wine was pressed and returned to barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. A small amount of Petit Verdot was blended with the Cabernet Sauvignon to enhance the wine's aromas and flavors. The meticulous barrel regime is essential to the elevated quality of this wine. We work closely with only a small number of select cooperages to ensure the style and consistency of the barrels.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

91% Cabernet Sauvignon,
9% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

BARREL REGIME: 21 months in
French oak barrels (95% new)

ANALYSIS: Alcohol: 14.9%;
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L; pH: 3.69

AGEABILITY: 2025 to 2055

HARVEST DATES:
September 10 – October 10, 2022