



# RUTHERFORD *Ranch*

2005

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

NAPA VALLEY'S *Best Value*

## WINE DESCRIPTION

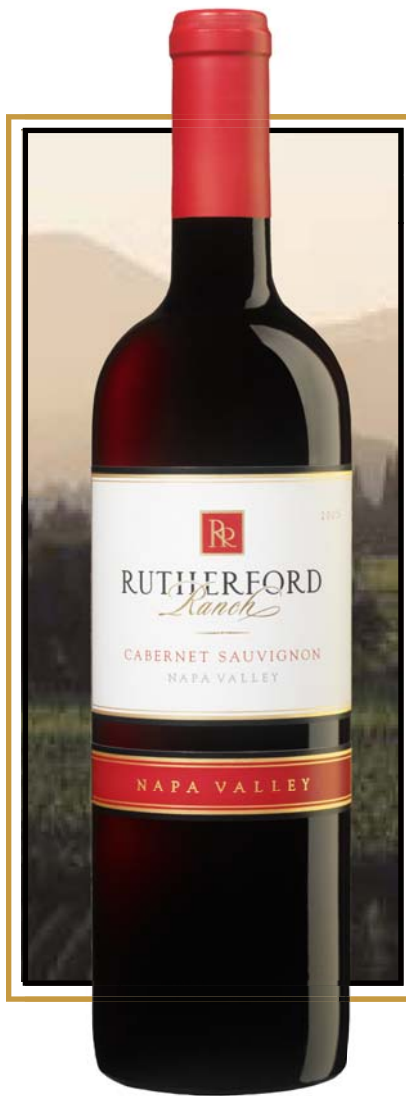
Aromas of blackberry, black currant and plum meld with layers of cinnamon and vanilla when you first uncork this wine. Wait a minute and you'll enjoy the soft hint of a Cuban cigar box. With a solid and pleasing core of Cabernet flavor, this wine comes across with rich fruit flavors of black cherry and full ripe raspberry. The plush texture gives way to the gentle undertones of vanilla leading to a long, satisfying finish.

## FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

Our 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon is the perfect companion to all grilled or roasted red meats as well as pork. For an easy but elegant meal, combine fresh chopped rosemary and thyme with a sprinkle of garlic salt and ground pepper. Drizzle a small amount of olive oil over a leg of lamb. Use your fresh herbs as a rub for the lamb then grill in the oven or on the barbecue. Serve with our Cabernet and be ready to impress your guests. Enjoy!

## TOTAL ACID/pH

0.59 / 3.66



RELEASE DATE 2007

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2005 growing season began with a relatively cool, rainy and late spring, providing a slow start to vine growth. These cooler conditions lead numerous varieties and appellations to start blooming at about the same time. The long summer weather was mild and moderate, encouraging extra growth, increased berry size with heavier and tighter clusters. The weather cooled toward the end of the growing season delaying harvest by 10 days to two weeks later than usual extending "hang-time" for perfectly balanced sugars and acids. Colors in red wines were intense, inky-dark and opulent. 2005 looks to be another stellar vintage!

## BLEND

84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 4% Syrah and 3% Cabernet Franc

## GRAPE SOURCE

Select vineyards throughout the Napa Valley including Rutherford, St. Helena, Oak Knoll and Yountville.

## ALCOHOL

13.5%

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