



2021 Napa Valley Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, Circa Vineyard

We gave the Circa Vineyard its name because that soil is a classic part of Napa history. Located in the heart of Rutherford, a region made synonymous with Cabernet Sauvignon by the great André Tchelistcheff, the Circa Vineyard not only shows a great sense of place, but a place that we all remember the second we take a taste — all of us, that is, that were fortunate to cut our teeth on old-school Napa Cab. For those without that wonderful memory, the Circa Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a rare chance to step into a time machine and taste classic Napa Cab terroir made in the old way.

The fruit was harvested on several different days to catch the ripeness of the different parts of the small vineyard at the perfect moments. It was fermented in small tanks and pressed when it tasted ready. To maintain freshness and focused aromatics, the wine was aged in a large Stockinger Foudre in addition to a small number of new French oak barrels.

The pH is 3.85, TA is 5.74, and alcohol is 12.5%. 266 cases produced. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Vineyard

The Circa Vineyard in Rutherford sits on river wash soil in the middle of the Napa Valley. It is a warm location, adjacent to the famous George III Vineyard, on soil that gives lots of ripeness from the gravel content. The layers of water-holding silty loam give the wine the characteristic "Rutherford Dust," the complex and earthy herbal quality that balances the ripeness in the wine.