



FROG'S LEAP

2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON *Estate Grown* *Rutherford Napa Valley*

THE BLEND

89% Cabernet sauvignon
11% Cabernet franc

RELEASE DATE

September 2016

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 9 – October 8
24.2° brix at harvest
13.6% alcohol
5.9 g/L total acidity
3.64 pH
aged 18 months in French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Paula Moschetti

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

A BRIEF HISTORY

For decades, it has been our goal to produce a Rutherford AVA, estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon. Inspired by the early Cabernets of Inglenook and Beaulieu Vineyard, we've spent the past 20 years finding, farming and obtaining highly sought after land in Rutherford—with particular attention to the Rutherford Bench—to pursue our dream and perfect our craft.

It all began with the acquisition of the Red Barn Vineyard in 1994. This prime real estate provided us with 40 acres of soil perfectly suited to grow Merlot and Cabernet sauvignon and a century-old facility in which we would become Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon producers for the first time. Immediately following our move to Rutherford, Frank Leeds—longtime Frog's Leap Vineyardist—agreed to a partnership between Frog's Leap and his family's Chavez Leeds Vineyard. This generational vineyard situated on the iconic Rutherford Bench gave us our first real taste of how complex and connected dry-farmed, organically-grown Cabernet Sauvignon from this storied part of the appellation could be.

Finally, in 2007, we purchased the historic Rossi Vineyard located in the very heart of the Rutherford Bench. This 50 acre vineyard was purchased by the Rossi family in 1906 and is located only a stone's throw away from the two vineyards that originally inspired us. Now mostly planted to Cabernet sauvignon and Cabernet franc the Rossi Vineyard completed the picture by yielding high quality Rutherford grapes for an all estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon to stand with our predecessors.

ABOUT THE WINE

2014 represents the third vintage of our all estate-grown Cabernet sauvignon grapes but in many ways it represents four decades of tasting, learning, experimenting and executing on the passion inspired in me by the words of André Tchelistcheff. 'Rutherford Dust'—the idea that a wine could smell and taste so much of the place from where it was grown.

Our 2014 Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon is classic in every way: intense aromas of dark fruits, blackberry and cassis with lovely overtones of mocha and coffee bean. The flavors are subtle and nuanced while precisely balanced and deep. It is a wine for the cellar, of course, but will not disappoint in the shorter term paired with a nice rack of lamb or perhaps a Châteaubriand.