



FROG'S LEAP

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON *Estate Grown* *Rutherford Napa Valley*

THE BLEND

92% Cabernet sauvignon
8% Cabernet franc

RELEASE DATE

September 2014

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 18 – October 2
23.9° brix at harvest
13.4% alcohol
6.0 g/L total acidity
3.71 pH
aged 19 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. Like pioneering vintners Gustave Niebaum and Georges de Latour, we secured a home for our winery in the center of the Rutherford appellation. 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 Vinyardist—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

The 2012 vintage had nearly perfect growing conditions for developing depth of flavor and complexity; warm days, cool nights, and a beautiful crop of evenly ripened, small berries. The grapes were harvested at full maturity while retaining high acidity and low pH. Even in its youth – right out of the tank – the aromas were mature and defined. We bottled the wine just a bit earlier than usual with slightly less exposure to the barrel to ensure preservation of the wine's character.

This Cabernet Sauvignon has all the hallmarks of the legendary Cabernets of Rutherford: the deep, cassis-currant aromas, the classic notes of 'Rutherford Dust,' and the earthen flavors of cedar and black olive. The mouthfeel is plush across the palate with velvety tannins, yet balanced by bright acidity and firm structure that hints at promising years to come. Pair it with rack of lamb, N.Y. Strip, or just another glass! This wine is destined to give decades of drinking pleasure.