



2008

## RUTHERFORD HILLSIDE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Winemaker's Notes

Protected from the extremes of the 2008 growing season, our hillside vineyard performed wonderfully and gave us exactly what we asked of it: even ripening clusters, low yields, and small berry size. Following fermentation, the wine was racked immediately to 100% French oak barrels. The subtle balance of oak helps enhance the flavors and aromas of black cherry, cassia and cocoa while allowing the nuances of the Rutherford District to shine. This year's bottling is ripe and muscular while still retaining its trademark minerality and soft tannins. The finish is classic Flora Springs—everlasting.

### Cellar Facts

Appellation:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Block J – Komes Ranch, Planted in 1985
	Rootstock: 110R
	Clone: "J"
	Trellis: Vertical VSP, 9' x 6' spacing
	Soil: Bale Loam
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Case Production:	347
Aging:	21 months, 100% new French oak
Suggested Retail Price:	\$100
Enjoyability:	Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork between 2015 and 2025 for optimum enjoyment.

### On the Vine

Flora Springs Winery & Vineyards holds a unique card in the Napa Valley vineyard and winemaking landscape. The boundary between the Rutherford and St. Helena Appellations runs through the middle of the Flora Springs Estate, following the creek on the valley floor up through the hillside of the renown Rutherford bench at the base of the Mayacamas. This boundary line gives the winery the opportunity to produce two appellation-specific wines from the same home ranch. Our St. Helena Rennie Reserve Cabernet comes from Block C on the valley floor. Fruit for the Rutherford Hillside Reserve Cabernet comes from Block J, next to Flora and Jerry's house, on the famous Rutherford bench. The dramatic nature of this hillside vineyard is further enhanced by its location in the far Northwest corner of the Rutherford Appellation.



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