



2009

RUTHERFORD HILLSIDE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Winemaker's Notes

The 2009 growing season brought out the trademark characteristics of this vineyard: even ripening, low yields, and small berries with naturally complex flavors. Following fermentation, the wine was racked immediately to 100% French oak barrels. In the glass, aromas of coconut macaroon, blackberry, leather, tobacco and clover envelop you; while the flavor profile exhibits dried herbs, cherries and star anise fading to an elegant cinnamon cedar cigar box finish. This year's bottling is ripe and muscular while still retaining the vineyard's 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:	316
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.



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On the Vine

The Flora Springs Estate vineyards are unique in the Napa Valley winemaking landscape. The boundary between the St. Helena and Rutherford appellations runs through the middle of the Flora Springs property—along the creek on the valley floor and up through the hillside of the renowned Rutherford bench at the base of the Mayacamas, thus providing the opportunity to produce two appellation-specific wines from the same estate. Our St. Helena Rennie Reserve Cabernet comes from Block C on the valley floor. And the fruit for this 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.