



2010 RUTHERFORD HILLSIDE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Winemaker's Notes

As with the previous growing season, 2010 brought forth the trademark characteristics of this vineyard: even ripening, low yields, and small, expressive berries with naturally complex flavors. The aromas of this vintage remind one of fresh earth and mushrooms accompanied by hints of sun-warmed mint. The flavor profile exhibits dark chocolate, cherry, mint chocolate, and espresso. This Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon is ripe and muscular while still retaining its trademark minerality and soft tannins. The finish is classic Flora Springs—everlasting.

| Rutherford, Napa Valley |
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| Block J – Komes Ranch, Planted in 1985 Rootstock: 110R Clone: "J" Trellis: Vertical VSP, 9' x 6' spacing Soil: Bale Loam |
| 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| 425 |
| 21 months, 90% new French oak, 10% 1-year-old French oak |
| \$150 |
| Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork now until 2026 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—a dramatic hillside vineyard in the far northwest corner of the Rutherford appellation.

