



NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

2020

In 1880, two brothers, James and William Rennie, said goodbye to their native Scotland and set sail to California with high ambition in Napa Valley. Five years later they had built a stone winery and planted 60 acres of vineyards covering the Rutherford and St. Helena AVAs.

The same estate is today owned by the Cathiard family. Founding Brothers is produced exclusively with estate grapes to capture the singularity of this very special terroir.

.....

FOUNDING BROTHERS

Napa Valley (St. Helena and Rutherford)

Owners: Florence & Daniel Cathiard
Produced and bottled on Cathiard Vineyard's estate

.....

Yields	2.5 tons / acre (37 hL/ha)
Average vine age	25 years
Grape variety	55% Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Merlot 5% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol	13.9%
Harvest dates	From Sept. 10, 2020, to Oct. 2, 2020
Harvest	Hand-harvested from our oldest hillside vineyard and valley floor vines.
Winemaking	Gentle de-stemming, optical sorting of berries to ensure the best whole berries are utilized. Grapes are transferred to fermentation vessels by gravity and left to cold soak for up to 5 days. Fermentation temperature maintained under 82F (28C), with gentle manipulations by pump-overs and punch-downs. After 30 days in tanks the wine is drained, pressed, and undergoes a naturally occurring malolactic fermentation in new French oak.
Barrel-aging	16-18 months, 40% new French oak and 20% large foudres.

WINEMAKERS' COMMENTS

Justine Labbé & Fabien Teitgen

"A wine with depth and concentration displaying the true character of Rutherford dust. On the nose, dark cherries and chocolate with hints of eucalyptus which carry onto the palate are supported with fine, powdery tannins and a long finish. A true representation of what the terroir we inhabit can express."