



FOUNDING BROTHERS



2022

In 1880, two brothers, James and William Rennie, said goodbye to their native Scotland and set sail to California with high ambitions in the Napa Valley. Five years later, they had built a stone winery and planted 60 acres of vines in the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains.

Today, the same historic property is owned by the Cathiard family. A wine with depth and concentration displaying the true character of Rutherford dust, Founding Brothers is produced exclusively with estate grapes to capture the singularity of this unique terroir.

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Napa Valley (St. Helena and Rutherford)

Owners: Florence & Daniel Cathiard

Grown, produced and bottled by Cathiard Vineyard

Yields 2.3 tons/acre

Average vine age 15-35 years

Blend 60 % Cabernet Sauvignon

28 % Merlot

12 % Cabernet Franc

Alcohol 14 %

Harvest dates From September 6, 2022 to September 30, 2022

Harvest Hand-harvested from our hillside and benchland vines

Winemaking Clusters are meticulously hand-sorted, followed by gentle de-stemming and precise optical sorting to select only the finest whole berries. The grapes are gravity-fed into vats and undergo a five-day cold soak to preserve their pure fruity aromas. Extraction is carried out with smooth pump-overs during fermentation. After 30 days in tank, the wine is drained, pressed, and undergoes a naturally occurring malolactic fermentation in new French oak.

Barrel aging 16 months

50% new French oak and 20% large foudres

WINEMAKERS' COMMENTS

Justine Labbé & Fabien Teitgen

“A dark deep ruby hue, offering a glimpse into its serious and complex nature. The nose opens with a dark fruit profile of blackberries and cassis, intertwined with subtle hints of spice. On the palate, a huge structure takes center stage, supported by grippy tannins that provide a firm yet balanced backbone. The long, salivating finish is enhanced by a distinctive saline note. A true representation of what the Rutherford terroir we inhabit can express in a Bordeaux blend.”