

GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY



VINTAGE: The growing season was free from severe weather issues, and, despite the drought, our yield increased five percent from 2020. We had no significant rainfall past the month of February, but mild spring and summer conditions provided an ideal environment for grapes to flower, bloom, and set in early spring. Notably cooler temperatures in August and September allowed us to pick each block at its ideal point of ripeness, leading to outstanding quality and great concentration in the fruit. The grape harvest drew to a close at the end of October, with the last grapes arriving just before an atmospheric river brought much-needed rain to Northern California.

VINEYARD: These grapes were grown at Austin's Vineyard, home to our winery in the heart of Rutherford's viticultural area, one of the world's preeminent sites for Cabernet Sauvignon. Its loamy soils and sunny, warm days create an elegant wine with red fruit flavors and smooth tannins. All our vineyards are certified regenerative organic, ensuring that all of our grapes are of the highest quality, and that we are responsible stewards of our environment.

THE WINE: This elegant Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of black cherry, black currant, and blackberry supported by undertones of soy sauce, black tea and lavender. The tannins are dense and silky, accentuating the blueberry and dried plum flavors. The finish is soft, silky and long-lasting.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Alcohol..... 14.5% by volume
 Fermentation indigenous yeast;
 3 weeks of skin
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 Harvest date October 18 - 19, 2021
 Sugar..... 24.17° Brix (average)
 Bottling date August 2023
 Release date September 2024
 Total acid 5.5 g/L
 pH 3.83
 Time in oak..... 20 months
 Type of oak 100% French oak;
 50% new barrels
 Production 644 cases (12/750 ml.)
 Blend..... 100% Cab. Sauvignon

REVIEWS

93	Decanter - 5.19.24
93	The Wine Independent - 11.11.23
93	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate - 12.29.23
92	JamesSuckling.com - 12.13.23
17	JancisRobinson.com - 4.2.24 <i>17 out of 20; superior</i>