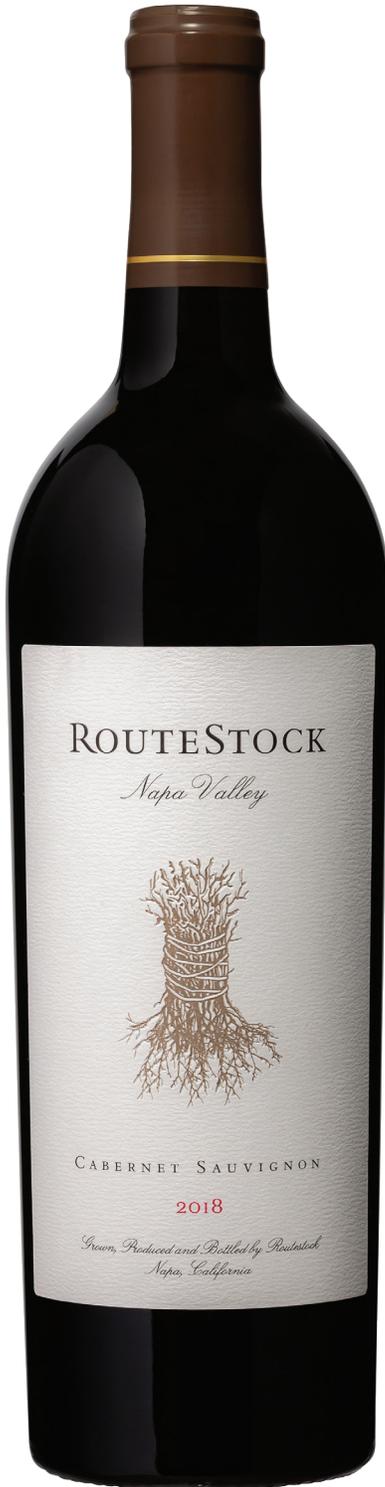


ROUTE STOCK

ROUTES WITH ROOTS – WINES OF PLACE.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

2018



INTRODUCTION

RouteStock is an invitation to discover the deep roots of winemaking in Napa and Sonoma, planted firmly at each step of your journey through our vineyard sites. Every glass tells the story of Napa's remarkable fine wine heritage, from the famous routes that wind between the vineyards, to the roots that produce its world-renowned grapes. An endeavor of enduring Napa-based importer Wilson Daniels, RouteStock is established as a product that consistently over-delivers in quality at a very attractive price point.

PHILOSOPHY

At the core of RouteStock is our commitment to sourcing great fruit from high-end vineyards along well-known routes in the Napa Valley. We partner with a select group of dedicated grape-growers in the best viticultural areas for each of our varietals and we work hand-in-hand with all our growers during the cultivation season. We practice minimal intervention in our winemaking to help the grapes show their true character, using native yeasts, natural malolactic fermentation, 100% barrel aging, and no chemical additions. Our intent is to let the grapes and vintage tell us what kind of wine they should be – we never try to force the wine into a specific mold, but rather serve as a guide on its journey.

SOURCING

Napa Valley Cabernet is a world-renowned institution, and ours is born from long-term relationships with four top-quality vineyards throughout the region. Hailing from the cooler Yountville region, the warmer St. Helena, the mountainous Mount Veeder and the valley floor Rutherford, the fruit we source for this bottling produces a bright and complex blend that reflects all the best elements of Napa. We finish the wine with small percentages of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot to deliver the best complexity and balance.

2018 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was a dream after the devastating fires at the end of the 2017 vintage. Spring came early which brought pressure on rain during flowering and fruit set as well as frost on tender buds. We got through this scary period beautifully and proceeded with a relatively calm and warm summer that brought on another earlier than “normal” harvest. We began picking Merlot on September 18th and ended with the last of the Cabernet Sauvignon on October 15th.

TASTING NOTES

A wonderfully medium-dark hue emits a complex aroma of black plum, soy sauce, bright fruit and oak. This translates into flavors that mirror the aromas with a beautiful balance of fruit, oak, alcohol, acidity and tannin creating a very smooth, bright and savory wine of great length and complexity.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

91.3% Cabernet Sauvignon; 3.3% Merlot; 2.2% Cabernet Franc; 2.1% Malbec and 1.1% Petit Verdot

AGING:

21 months in 98% French oak with 15% being new

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

pH: 3.58

TA: 6.09%

RS: 0.307%

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