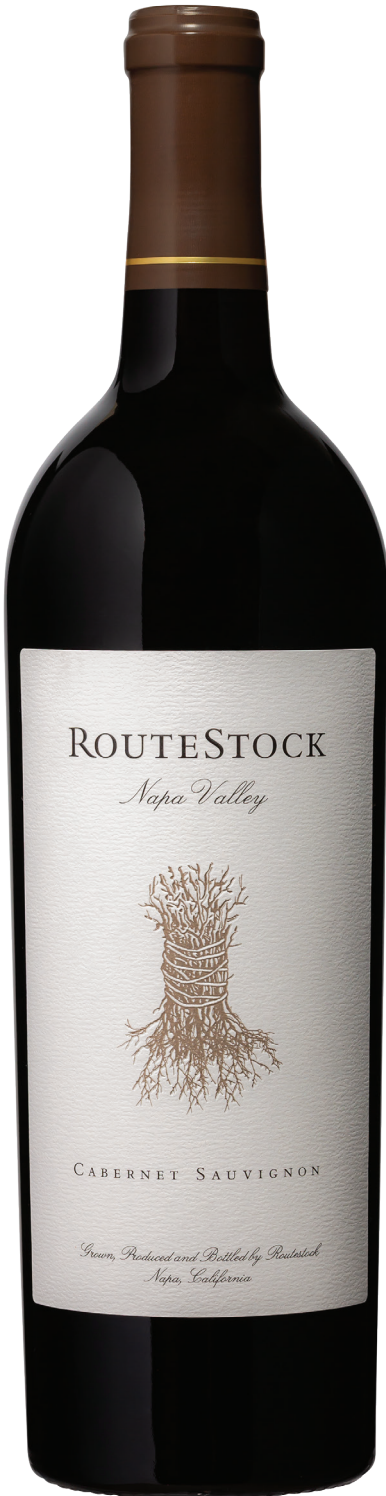


# ROUTE STOCK

ROUTES WITH ROOTS – WINES OF PLACE.

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

2020



### 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, 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 five top-quality vineyards throughout the region. Hailing from the cooler Yountville and Coombsville regions, 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.

### 2020 VINTAGE NOTES

A dry winter and spring, along with warm late winter temperatures, brought an early bud-break and flowering under good conditions. The summer growing season in all of Napa Valley was amazing with some usual heat spikes. There were early wildfires and then another round in September that we were fortunate to be in locations that were minimally impacted. We harvested from mid-September through October 3rd. The fruit arrived at the winery extremely healthy and with an amazing balance of chemistry and flavors.

### TASTING NOTES

The deep purple color of the wine extends all the way to the rim of the glass and gives way to an explosive nose that is the essence of Napa Valley, black fruit, dark cocoa, coffee and deep plum. The wine is thick, rich and full on the palate with beautiful balance between fruit, tannin, acidity, oak and alcohol. The flavors of chocolate, blackberry, bay laurel and sweet French oak penetrate the palate and last for minutes. There is strength and power but constrained with bright acidity, fruit and just the right amount of balancing tannin. The wine is savory and chewy as well as bright and vibrant.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, 3% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot

### AGING:

15 months in 96% French oak with 11% being new

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

pH: 3.35

TA: 5.42 g/L

RS: 0.762 g/L

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