

# ROUTE STOCK

ROUTES WITH ROOTS – WINES OF PLACE.

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

2021

### 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.

### 2021 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage was impacted by ongoing drought conditions, resulting in a smaller harvest. Despite this, bud break, flowering, and veraison occurred at typical times. A heat burst around Labor Day helped accelerate the process, and light rains in mid and late September followed. Harvesting began on October 8th, and concluded on October 21st.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine has a purple/red/magenta color with classic Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon aromas of cedar, cocoa, coffee, and bay laurel. The palate is bright and refreshing, with deep flavors of red and black fruit, including plum, as well as savory notes of chocolate and crimini mushrooms. The wine is vibrant, fresh, and deep, capturing the essence of Napa Valley.

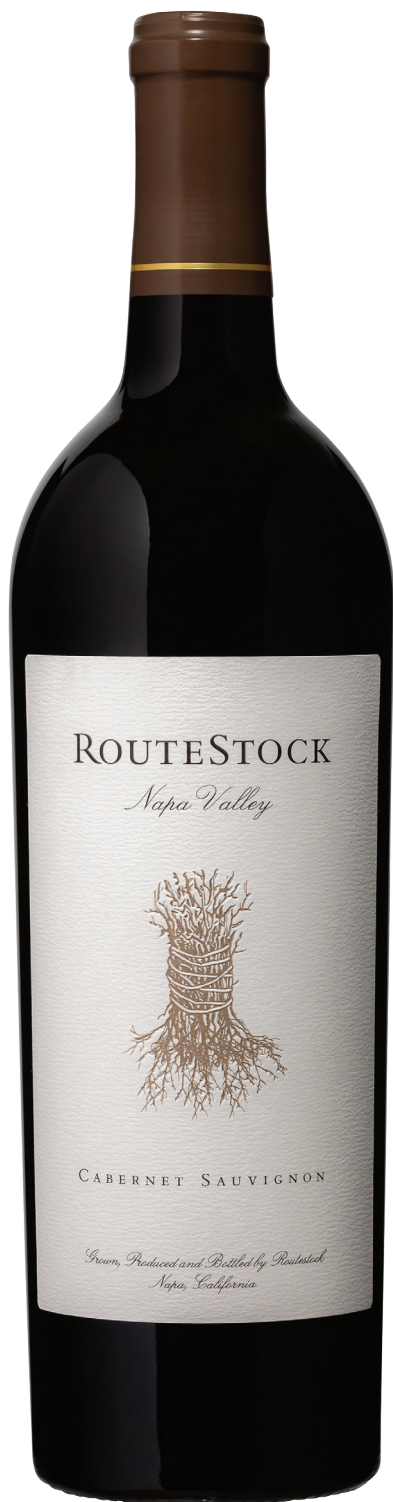
### VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

88% Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon, 5% merlot, 4% cabernet franc, 2% malbec, and 1% petit verdot

### AGING:

18 months in 98% French oak and 2% American oak; 91% neutral and 9% new

ALCOHOL: 14%      pH: 3.74      TA: 5.99 g/L



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