

Beaulieu Vineyard

SINCE **BV** 1900



GEORGES DE LATOUR PRIVATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2017

For more than 100 years, Beaulieu Vineyard has set the standard for rich, classic Napa Valley wines. Blessed with a remarkable terroir, BV crafts wines using a combination of traditional techniques and modern technology to coax out the fullest expression of the vineyard. Nowhere is this more evident than in Georges de Latour Private Reserve.

The first cult wine of Napa, Georges de Latour Private Reserve was born in the spring of 1936 when a record frost devastated the region. The grapes that year were few in number but bold in flavor. Highly concentrated, beautifully structured, this wine was BV's unforgettable debut. Sourced to this day from the same "Rutherford Dust" as that legendary vintage, it is still the benchmark for Napa Valley Cabernet.

SOURCING

Rutherford AVA, Napa Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

97% Cabernet Sauvignon,
3% Petit Verdot

AGING

22 months in French oak
(95% new barrels)

ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.7% | pH: 3.7

HARVEST DATES

Sept. 25 – Oct. 19, 2017

AGEABILITY

2020 to 2040

TASTING NOTES

Opens with aromas of dark plum, black currant, delicate violet, and black pepper spice. Robust flavors of blackberry, cassis and molasses linger on the palate with accents of vanilla, caramel, and baking spice. The Rutherford Dust famous in this region is evident in the wine's distinct earthy streak and cocoa powder coming through on the nose and tannin texture.

VINEYARD

We hand-selected grapes from BV Ranches No. 1 and No. 2, rooted deep in the well-draining alluvial fan soils of the Rutherford AVA's western bench, where a large diurnal range influenced by early morning fog gives wines an exceptional elegance and power.

VINTAGE

Much-needed winter rains ended the drought in the region. Warm Labor Day weekend temperatures led to early ripening and smaller yields, but conditions were perfect for high flavor concentration and color saturation.

WINEMAKING

After fermenting in new French oak barrels, we moved the wine to stainless steel and concrete fermenters. Following extended skin contact, we pressed the wine and returned it to barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging with a small amount of Petit Verdot.

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