

Raymond Vineyards, 'R Collection', California, Cabernet Sauvignon 2019



Cherry, blackcurrant and vanilla notes combined with capsicum in an approachable Cabernet style.

Producer Note

Raymond Vineyards, founded in 1970, is one of the Napa Valley's pioneering estates. The Raymond family arrived in Napa in 1933 and have become deeply connected to the valley's winemaking origins. In 1970, they established a 36 hectare estate in Rutherford, which now comprises 121 hectares in Rutherford, St. Helena and Jameson Canyon. Raymond's Rutherford and St. Helena estate vineyards are certified organic and biodynamic; and 100% of the winery's power comes from renewable solar energy. Five generations of the Raymond family have created a Napa icon, with an enduring reputation for elegant wines with a beautiful balance of finesse, opulence and complexity.

Vintage

Rain during the early part of the growing season increased mildew pressure in the vineyard, however, the summer warmed up and the mildew threat dried up. The weather provided excellent conditions for the 2019 harvest in California. The summer was relatively mild and the warm, dry weather continuing into the autumn and creating perfect conditions for harvest. Overall, yields were slightly lower than the 2018 bumper crop, but the fruit created beautifully balanced wines with bright expression.

Vineyard

The R Collection Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from the finest vineyards throughout California, with each area adding a unique layer into the overall taste profile. The vines are planted in gravel soils overlaid with alluvial layers, which provides the vines with good drainage.

Winemaking

Minimal intervention winemaking techniques were used to allow the true Californian terroir to shine through. The grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks with native and selected yeasts. Minimal pump-overs took place to avoid over-extraction of tannins. Minimal use of French oak influenced the maturation which lasted for six months, adding subtle complexity.

Tasting Note

This Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of dark red fruits and blackberry pie accented with a touch of clove. Opulent on the palate with rich flavours of blackcurrant and plum which intermingle seamlessly with the soft, round tannins to create a long, delicious finish.

Grape

Cabernet Sauvignon 85%, Petit Verdot 10%, Merlot 5%



Winemaker:	Stephanie Putnam
Region:	California
Sub region:	California
Country:	USA
Alcohol:	13.5%
Body Value:	C (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	4
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/Yes
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	55250191
Case unit of measure:	12X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Agglomerated Cork