

Frog's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon captivates with its classic Rutherford Dust signature and complex flavors, reflecting the winery's dedication to sustainable viticulture and minimal intervention.



## Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

California, USA

### Region and Vineyards



The vineyards contributing to this wine include the **Red Barn Vineyard**, the **Chavez-Leeds Vineyard**, and the **Rossi Vineyard**, all of which are certified organic and dry-farmed. The meticulous care given to these vineyards ensures that the grapes express the purest characteristics of their terroir. The **Rossi Vineyard**, a historic site acquired in 2007, is particularly notable for its contribution to the wine's distinctive flavor profile .



The **Frog's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon** is a blend of **93% Cabernet Sauvignon** and **7% Cabernet Franc**. The winemaking process emphasizes minimal intervention, with fermentations initiated by native yeasts and lasting between 7 to 10 days. Open hose pump-overs were performed three times daily to ensure gentle extraction of color and tannins.

The wine was aged for **20 months** in French oak barrels, with about **23% new oak**, which added subtle complexity without overwhelming the fruit. Natural malolactic fermentation was completed in the barrel, and the wine underwent five rackings to clarify and stabilize it before bottling .



Alcohol:13,80 %

Composition: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc







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### **Tasting Notes**

- **Color:** Deep ruby red, indicating a wine of substantial concentration.
- Aroma: The nose reveals a classic Rutherford bouquet of cassis-currant, black fruit, and the signature Rutherford Dust. Additional notes of cedar, black olive, and subtle hints of mocha add complexity.
- **Palate:** On the palate, the wine is full-bodied and balanced, showcasing flavors of **red cherry**, **plum**, **spice**, **tobacco**, and **mocha**. The tannins are finegrained, providing a velvety texture and a long, lingering finish reminiscent of rough velvet .

### Did you know?

**Did you know?** The term "Rutherford Dust" was popularized by legendary winemaker André Tchelistcheff, who believed that the unique terroir of Rutherford contributed to a distinct, dusty tannin quality in its Cabernet Sauvignons. This characteristic has become a hallmark of wines from this appellation, and this vintage of Frog's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon embodies this tradition .

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Ribeye Steak:** The robust tannins and complex flavors of the wine complement the rich, savory profile of a grilled ribeye.
- **Roasted Lamb with Rosemary:** The earthy and herbaceous notes in the wine enhance the flavors of roasted lamb seasoned with rosemary.
- **Mushroom Risotto:** The wine's earthy undertones and balanced acidity pair well with the umami-rich flavors of mushroom risotto.
- Aged Cheddar Cheese: The creamy texture and sharpness of aged cheddar cheese are balanced by the wine's fine-grained tannins and complex fruit flavors.



#### Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN): 94 Points (2019)

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Grown is a firm, classically built wine that is going to need a few years to come into its own. There is admirable depth as well as character. Red cherry/plum fruit, spice, tobacco and mocha lend quite a bit of aromatic nuance to this mid-weight, super-expressive Cabernet from Frog's Leap.



#### James Suckling (JS): 91 Points (2019)

Perfumed nose of dried flowers, cassis, baked blueberries and chocolate orange with a touch of cinnamon. It's full-bodied with fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. Vibrant and zesty cabernet. Drink from 2023.







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Jeb Dunnuck (JD): 90 Points (2019)

An outstanding wine, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Grown (there's 7% Cabernet Franc) shines for its elegance and purity, as well as its classic Cabernet aromas and flavors of dark fruits, leather, and earthy, tobacco, herbal nuances. Drink this medium-bodied, balanced 2019 over the coming 4-6 years as well.



