

Frog's Leap

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.

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94 vinous



Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **Frog's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon** is crafted from grapes grown in the prestigious **Rutherford** appellation of Napa Valley. Rutherford is celebrated for its "Rutherford Dust," a term that describes the unique terroir imparted by the region's gravelly, sandy, and loamy soils. These soils, coupled with the warm days and cool nights typical of Napa Valley, create an ideal environment for producing high-quality Cabernet Sauvignon.

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 .

Winemaking

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 %

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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 fine-grained, 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.

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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.

91 James Suckling

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.

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