

OEX

2020

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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*OEX is the subtle formula for our single-vineyard Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon.*

*OE represents our two talented oenologists who are the guardians of the land, bringing life to OEX.*

*X is the unknown factor of the vintage, bringing distinction and individuality each year.*

*Each of our 700 numbered bottles have made it through our rigorous selection.*



## **OEX, Rutherford**

**Owners : Florence and Daniel Cathiard**

**Produced and Bottled on Cathiard Vineyard's estate**

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**Yields :** 1.5 tons/ acre (22 hL/ha)      **Vine age :** 45 years

**Grape variety :** 100 % Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol :** 14.2 %

**Harvest dates :** September 25, 2020

**Harvest :** Hand harvested from our oldest hillside vines on St. George rootstock.

**Winemaking techniques :** Upon receiving grapes at the winery, we gently de-stem, and optically sort the berries to ensure only the best whole berries are utilized. Grapes are fermented in barrels and the temperature does not exceed 82 F (28C) with gentle manipulation done by punch-downs. After an average of 30 days in barrels, the wine is drained, and the cap is pressed. The wine then undergoes a naturally occurring malolactic fermentation in new French oak. No filtration prior to bottling.

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**Barrel-aging :** 22 months; 100% new oak

**Winemaker's comments:** *Justine Labbé and Fabien Teitgen*

The nose presents a deep and brooding spectrum of aromas. Dark cherries, blackberry and mulberry support a savory undertone of roasted coffee beans and spices. The palate is opulent, structured and finely balanced, displaying a flavor intently derived from the deep rooted 45-year-old vines. This wine will benefit from time in the cellar and decanting before enjoying.