



## NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

**2020**

In 1880, two brothers, James and William Rennie said goodbye to their native Scotland and set sail to California with high ambition in Napa Valley. Five years later they had built a stone winery and planted 60 acres of vineyards covering the Rutherford and St. Helena AVAs.

The same estate is today owned by the Cathiard family. Founding Brothers is produced exclusively with estate grapes to capture the singularity of this very special terroir.

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# FOUNDING BROTHERS

## Napa Valley (St. Helena and Rutherford)

**Owners:** Florence & Daniel Cathiard  
Produced and bottled on Cathiard Vineyard's estate

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<b>Yields</b>	2.5 tons / acre (37 hL/ha)
<b>Average vine age</b>	25 years
<b>Grape variety</b>	55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.9%
<b>Harvest dates</b>	From Sept. 10, 2020, to Oct. 2, 2020
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested from our oldest hillside vineyard and valley floor vines.
<b>Winemaking</b>	Gentle de-stemming, optical sorting of berries to ensure the best whole berries are utilized. Grapes are transferred to fermentation vessels by gravity and left to cold soak for up to 5 days. Fermentation temperature maintained under 82F (28C), with gentle manipulations by pump-overs and punch-downs. After 30 days in tanks the wine is drained, pressed, and undergoes a naturally occurring malolactic fermentation in new French oak.
<b>Barrel-aging</b>	16-18 months, 40% new French oak and 20% large foudres.

### WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

**Justine Labbé & Fabien Teitgen**

*"A wine with depth and concentration displaying the true character of Rutherford dust. On the nose, dark cherries and chocolate with hints of eucalyptus which carry onto the palate are supported with fine, powdery tannins and a long finish. A true representation of what the terroir we inhabit can express."*