



FOUNDING BROTHERS



2021

In 1880, two brothers, James and William Rennie, said goodbye to their native Scotland and set sail to California with high ambitions in the Napa Valley. Five years later, they had built a stone winery and planted 60 acres of vines in the foothills of the Mayacamas.

Today, the same historic property is owned by the Cathiard family. A wine with depth and concentration displaying the true character of Rutherford dust, Founding Brothers is produced exclusively with estate grapes to capture the singularity of this unique terroir.

96 James Suckling

95 The Wine Independent
(Lisa Perrotti-Brown)

16.5+ Jancis Robinson

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Napa Valley (St. Helena and Rutherford)

Owners: Florence & Daniel Cathiard

Grown, produced and bottled by Cathiard Vineyard

Yields 2 tons/acre (30 hL/ha)

Average vine age 25 years

Bordeaux Blend 59 % Cabernet Sauvignon

32 % Merlot

9 % Cabernet Franc

Alcohol 14.3 %

Harvest dates From September 6, 2021 to September 29, 2021

Harvest Hand-harvested from our hillside and benchland vines

Winemaking Gentle destemming and optical sorting of grapes 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.

Barrel aging 16-18 months

50% new French oak and 20% large foudres

WINEMAKERS' COMMENTS

Justine Labbé & Fabien Teitgen

“Founding Brothers is a dynamic example of the Rutherford terroir, composed of an expressive nose filled with black fruit and licorice. The 2021 vintage showcases flavors of dark cocoa alongside a delicate yet firm grip of tannins that coat the palate long after the first sip. A resolute and serious wine that will deliver for many years to come.”