



SCATTERED PEAKS

SINGLE VINEYARD SELECTION

morisoli vineyard cabernet sauvignon

rutherford - napa valley, california

Scattered Peaks is elegantly crafted by wine industry icon, Derek Benham, and legendary Napa Valley Winemaker, Joel Aiken. Each vintage, Derek and Joel set aside a limited amount of distinctive single vineyard wines from their favorite sites in Napa Valley. These coveted bottlings are known as the Single Vineyard Series, the ultimate expression of terroir.

VINTAGE

2018 began with abundant rainfall followed by a mild spring resulting a later bud break. Under ideal conditions, flowering occurred a little later than previous years yet created a beautiful fruit set. A typical Napa Valley sunny summer brought hot days and cool evenings allowing the grapes to accumulate complex flavors, deep color and delicate tannins.

WINEMAKING

After gentle destemming, the fruit soaked at 45 ° F for four days with two gentle pump overs a day. On day five, each tank was inoculated and warmed to 70 ° F to start fermentation. We completed three pump overs per day during active fermentation and one gentle pump over a day during post fermentation maceration for a total of 18 days. The wine was aged exclusively in French oak barrels for approximately 22 months. All new barrels were medium to medium-plus toast. Malolactic fermentation occurred in each barrel and racked twice during aging process to clarify the wine and eliminate lees.

TASTING NOTES

A delicate yet rich red color fills the glass of Scattered Peaks Morisoli Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. The aroma of complex black cherry, cassis and vanillin fill the nose. Well balanced black currant, cherry cola and spice fill the palate then the wine finishes with luxurious and silky well integrated tannins, classic Rutherford Dust. Enjoy this beautiful cabernet sauvignon with a perfect New York strip, creamy spinach and a side of truffle fries, you won't be disappointed.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vineyard Sourcing: 100% Morisoli Vineyard

Appellation: Rutherford, Napa Valley Vintage: 2018

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon (Clone 7)

Aging: 22 months in 70% new French oak barrels

pH: 3.68

TA: 0.618g/100ml

Alc: 14.8%



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MORISOLI VINEYARD

Morisoli Vineyard consists of 53 contiguous acres on the famed Rutherford Bench in the Napa Valley. Gary Morisoli is the fourth generation of his family to grow grapes on this historic property, which has been family-farmed for over 100 years. Primarily Cabernet Sauvignon, the fruit from this vineyard is some of the most sought after in the Napa Valley. Surrounded by Staglin Family Vineyard, Scarecrow, Joseph Phelps Vineyards and Inglenook, Morisoli Vineyard fruit exhibits classic “Rutherford Dust” qualities and rich Cabernet Sauvignon character.

AVA: Rutherford

Location: Western Rutherford Bench

Neighbors: Scarecrow, Inglenook, Phelps

Clone: 53

Year Planted: 1880

Elevation: 196 ft.

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POINTS

“...This is a bold, adventurous red, firm tannins take hold, but the palate remains round, its no-edge seamlessness translating as pure pleasure.”

- THE TASTING PANEL,
MERIDITH MAY



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POINTS

“Pine needles, charcoal embers and cracked black pepper aromas. A modern-Napa opulence without losing sight of authenticity and typicity.”

- DECANTER

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POINTS

“It’s medium-to full-bodied with firm, grippy tannins.”

- JAMES SUCKLING