



## FROG'S LEAP

### 2000 RUTHERFORD

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#### THE BLEND

80% Cabernet Sauvignon  
35% Leeds ~ 45% Bella Oaks  
20% Cabernet Franc  
100% Leeds

#### APPELLATION

100% Rutherford

#### PRODUCTION

750 cases

#### RELEASE DATE

October 2003

#### STATISTICS

harvest ~

September 24 – October 17  
23.8 ° brix at harvest  
0.62 g/100 ml TA  
3.49 pH  
13.9 % alcohol

#### WINEMAKING

crushed and destemmed to  
tank cold soaked 1½ days  
native and inoculated yeast  
average 17 days skin contact  
malolactic fermentation  
completed in barrel  
aged 24 month  
100% one-year old  
French oak

#### WINEMAKERS

John Williams  
Paula Moschetti

#### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

Winemakers entered the 21st century with a classic year for red wine: normal winter rainfall, perfect bud break, even flowering, predictable showers during set, then slow, even ripening right up to the start of the even-paced harvest. After a brief heat spike in June, the valley experienced a mostly mild summer and early fall allowing for a slow, steady ripening. The unexpected bit of September rainfall caused no real alarm, as it cooled the heat of Indian Summer and provided a little extra hang-time for the fruit's flavors and sugars to develop.

#### ABOUT THE WINE

Our senses are such a powerful part of our being. The slightest smell or taste can easily evoke a memory: the sweetness of a freshly picked pear, the dampness of a cool, dusky basement, the aroma wafting from a mug of steaming hot cocoa on a chilly afternoon - carrying us back to a wonderful moment of long ago. Wine has tremendous potential for "memory flashbacks"; those indescribable moments when one is recalled to another place and time. Imagine making a wine that can consistently, year after year, transport you back to the place where it was made. A wine that smells of the earth and air from which it was born: a wine that is as recognizable as an old friend. This is Rutherford.

Vintage nuance and small changes in the blend contribute to the final outcome but it is the dynamic layers of earth, dust, black fruit and herbs that truly define our Rutherford. The 2000 Frog's Leap Rutherford embodies this common thread: balance and complexity with the ability to beckon your return - a wine that is the ultimate definition of a true sense of place.