



FROG'S LEAP

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
*Estate Grown*  
*Rutherford Napa Valley*

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**THE BLEND**

91% Cabernet sauvignon  
6% Cabernet franc  
3% Merlot

**RELEASE DATE**

September 2018

**STATISTICS**

harvested —  
September 6 – October 10  
23.9° brix at harvest  
13.8% alcohol  
6.0 g/L total acidity  
3.69 pH  
aged 20 months in French oak

**WINEMAKERS**

John Williams  
Paula Moschetti  
Rory Williams

**VINEYARDIST**

Frank Leeds

**A BRIEF HISTORY**

For decades, it has been our goal to produce a Rutherford AVA, estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon. Inspired by the early Cabernets of Inglenook and Beaulieu Vineyard, we've spent the past 20 years finding, farming and obtaining highly sought after land in Rutherford—with particular attention to the Rutherford Bench—to pursue our dream and perfect our craft.

It all began with the acquisition of the Red Barn Vineyard in 1994. This prime real estate provided us with 40 acres of soil perfectly suited to grow Merlot and Cabernet sauvignon and a century-old facility in which we would become Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon producers for the first time. Immediately following our move to Rutherford, Frank Leeds—longtime Frog's Leap Vineyardist—agreed to a partnership between Frog's Leap and his family's Chavez Leeds Vineyard. This generational vineyard situated on the iconic Rutherford Bench gave us our first real taste of how complex and connected dry-farmed, organically-grown Cabernet Sauvignon from this storied part of the appellation could be.

Finally, in 2007, we purchased the historic Rossi Vineyard located in the very heart of the Rutherford Bench. This 50 acre vineyard was purchased by the Rossi family in 1906 and is located only a stone's throw away from the two vineyards that originally inspired us. Now mostly planted to Cabernet sauvignon and Cabernet franc the Rossi Vineyard completed the picture by yielding high quality Rutherford grapes for an all estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon to stand with our predecessors.

**ABOUT THE WINE**

Some have already called the 2016 a perfect vintage. Quite frankly I was skeptical. Would the vines that have been reaching so deeply for the last several "drought" years—now that we got some decent rain—relax, get lazy and not develop the flavors we have become accustomed to? Well, not to worry. 2016 will go down as one of the great vintages and looks to have the structure to be talked about for decades.

Deep, black fruit, mocha and distinctly "dusty" aromas, brilliant structure, great acid and lush flavors without any hint of flabbiness, this wine is set to be paired with any classic combination associated with Cabernet. We backed off of the Merlot a bit this year so the wine may need a few extra months to align its flavor profile but we really believe it will be worth the wait.