



Beaulieu Vineyard

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## 2019 GEORGES DE LATOUR PRIVATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Beaulieu Vineyard Reserve wines are handcrafted from the finest grapes of the vintage, focusing on our premier estates in Rutherford, Carneros, and other Napa Valley appellations. For more than 100 years, Beaulieu Vineyard has set the benchmark for rich, classic Napa Valley wines. Our legacy honors the marriage between state-of-the-art technology and gentle, traditional winemaking methods, a combination that enhances the expression of our remarkable vineyard terroir.*

*Our Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon has been widely recognized as the benchmark Cabernet Sauvignon from Rutherford since its inaugural vintage in 1936. Our understanding of terroir comes from more than 100 years of creating rich, classic Napa Valley wines.*

### TASTING NOTES

This vintage is truly exemplary, with a nuanced, exuberant nose showing dark, ripe, berry fruit aromas of black raspberry, red currant, and black cherry, alongside delicate chaparral herb notes of wild lavender, rose, fresh mint, sage, and thyme. Exotic spiced notes from the well-integrated new French oak barrel aging adds caramel, cedar, and clove, accompanying plush fruit seamlessly, showcasing the depth, elegance, and balance of this world-renowned Cabernet. Full-bodied with tremendous concentration and power, the broad palate is multilayered with enticing flavors of dark black cherry, red currant, cocoa nib, amaretto, espresso, and graphite. Signature “Rutherford Dust” tannins add a fine cocoa-powder texture, with a long lift and persistent finish, while secondary notes of earth, espresso, and pencil shavings add to the complexity and nuance. The mouthwatering palate is supple and fresh, with balanced acidity, demonstrating classically elegant, luscious, and alluring character. Incredibly drinkable upon release in its youth and highly cellarable for many years to come.

### VINEYARDS

We hand selected grapes from the finest Cabernet Sauvignon vines from the western bench of the Rutherford AVA in our iconic BV Ranches No. 1 and No. 2, originally planted by Georges de Latour in the early 1900s. We focused on clonal selections (6, 4, 169, 7 and 8), which yield small berries with the high skin-to-juice ratio needed to make intense, long-lived wines. The fruit, chosen from vines deeply rooted in well-draining alluvial fan soils, was handpicked and optically sorted to ensure the highest quality.

### VINTAGE

Harvest started later than previous years due to February rains. Spring continued wet with some rain during flowering, followed by cool temperatures that allowed the grapes to mature gradually. Most ripened at lower sugars, thanks to the extended, cool growing season, providing full flavors, fresh acidity, and superb balance. The crop showed a modest yield with a compact structure and extract.

### WINEMAKING

At our state-of-the-art winery, dedicated exclusively to crafting Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, a portion of the wine is fermented in new French oak barrels for early integration and a dense, rich texture. The balance of the must is fermented in stainless steel and concrete tanks to preserve the freshness of the fruit. Following extended skin contact, the wine was pressed and returned to barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. A small amount of Petit Verdot was blended with the Cabernet Sauvignon to further enhance the aroma and flavor profile. We work closely with select cooperages to ensure the style and consistency of the barrel is exactly right. This regime is very important to the elevated quality of this wine.

**BARREL AGING:** 20 months of aging in French oak (95% new barrels)

**SOURCING:** Napa Valley

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:**  
91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot

**ANALYSIS:** Alcohol: 14.7%;  
Total Acidity: 6.0 g/L; pH: 3.73

**AGEABILITY:** 2022 to 2052