



# 2023 TRAILSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY

## BOLD NEW STEPS IN RUTHERFORD

Trailside Vineyard is a single-vineyard Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon conceived by two of the industry's most experienced and well-known professionals, Carlton McCoy Jr. MS, and Jeremy Seysses of Domaine Dujac. With the first release of the 2022 vintage, the duo crafted a profound single-vineyard wine made in a terroir-driven, ageworthy style that is an homage to Napa Valley's glory days of the 1960s and 1970s, which they both adore.

## VINEYARD SOURCE

Trailside Vineyard is a historical site in Rutherford—once called Wildwood Ranch—that was once a source for Spring Mountain Vineyard's and Heitz Cellar's Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon in the 1970s and 1980s. Located on Rutherford's east side, it is north of Beckstoffer's Georges III. Trailside Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of the seven *climats* within this vineyard, whereas Heitz Trailside is sourced from a single gravelly plot along the Rutherford bench.

## ÉLEVAGE

Trailside is farmed, harvested, and fermented according to each *climat's* individual soil type. Fermentations began with a traditional *pied de cuve* starter, and the wine was aged in a vast array of vessels, from *barrique* to *foudre*. In classic Domaine Dujac style—Winemaker Jeremy Seysses had the idea to incorporate whole clusters and a submerged cap in the fermentation—a calculated risk that defies convention in the Napa Valley.

## TASTING NOTES

2023 was such a cool, steady vintage, we had the opportunity to pick for the balance we wanted, the structure we wanted. And we were blessed with a long hangtime to develop deep phenolics. The result is the most generous, texturally intense, and expressive Trailside to date. It's full of fruit, enhanced by a brushstroke of Petit Verdot from the northern corner of the vineyard. Fresh and harmonious, it will evolve for decades in the cellar.

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### FERMENTATION

Pied De Cuve (100% ambient yeast starter)

### CASES RELEASED

400

### AGING REGIMEN

Oval oak Casks and 500L barrels  
for 30 months

### RELEASE DATE

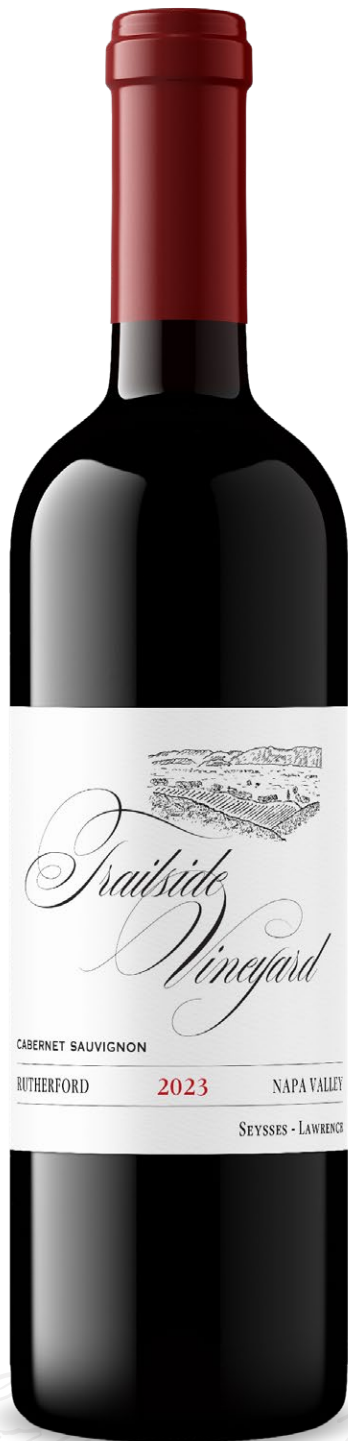
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### AVA

Rutherford, Napa Valley

### SRP

\$225



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