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# HERON LAELY Cabernet Sauvignon



**Pack Size:** 12/750ml  
**UPC:** 721170019004

## OVERVIEW

LAELY Cabernet Sauvignon reflects the best of Napa Valley to create balanced, fresh classics that embody the determination of the iconic bird it represents and of Laely Heron, founder of one of the industry's first female-owned and-produced brands.

## SITE

2023 was an outstanding quality vintage for Napa Cabernet, and this Cabernet Sauvignon comes from one estate on the Rutherford bench. Layers of red and dark fruit, and a texture that combines power and elegance.

## SOILS

**RUTHERFORD:** Both of the blocks have amazing gravelly soil that has run off over the years from the Vaca Mountain range that is just to the east.

## VINTAGE

**RUTHERFORD:** Very mild summer with cool nights which led to and extended hang time for the fruit. The extended hang time led to slow, intense flavor development with very refined elegant tannins.

**100% Cabernet Sauvignon**

**100% Rutherford, Napa Valley, California**

**14.5% Alc. by Vol.**

**92 PTS**  
**HIDDEN GEM**  
*Wine Enthusiast*



## TASTING NOTES

Red fruit meets dark fruit, great layers of cherry, blackberry and black currant with hints of cocoa. Tobacco and spice on the nose deepen the aromas. This wine has a beautiful, elegant structure and a finish that lingers. Drink now and over the next 10 years.

## PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

A delicious pairing with red meats, red-sauced dishes like eggplant parmesan or herb crusted pork chops.

## WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**FERMENTATION:** The fruit was hand sorted, meticulously processed so only whole berry grapes made it into the tank. Cold soaked for 5 days before inoculating with William Selyem yeast. Auto pump-overs for (max) extraction so no flavor is left behind. Skins were pressed of after 16 days in tank to capture a full bodied wine that has elegant refined, approachable tannins.

**AGING:** Aged 6 months in 20% new and 80% 2nd and 3rd. All French.

**PH:** 3.83 | **TA:** .478g/100ml

**BOTTLING DATE:** August 30, 2024