



**PESTONI FAMILY**  
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ESTATE WINERY **1892** NAPA VALLEY, CA

**2017 RUTHERFORD  
ESTATE SANGIOVESE**

Rutherford | Napa Valley



**Vineyard Notes:**

This extraordinary wine started out as an experiment but has now become an institution. When we went to plant this vineyard in front of our winery we noticed that the soil held some truly unique properties, properties that we felt might be well suited for a Sangiovese. We chose clones 2 and 4 and waited....On our first tasting we knew we were right. The “Rutherford dust” had worked its magic on this Italian varietal.

What small amount isn’t snapped up by our wine club is made available only here and in our tasting room.

**Vintage Notes:**

An exceptionally wet winter, record breaking high temperatures and wildfires framed this challenging vintage for the Napa Valley. Heavy rainfall in January and February replenished the Valley and led to vigor among the vines during the mild spring. Heat spikes over Labor Day weekend kicked our harvest efforts into high gear and our vineyards were able to develop to perfect ripeness just prior to the early October wildfires that plagued the Valley.

**Winemaker’s Notes:**

This 2017 Sangiovese shows off dark red cherries, tobacco, cardamom, and black pepper on the nose. Initial softness on the palate gives way to bright notes of bright, juicy cranberry, cherry and strawberry gaining depth with flavors of buttery leather, freshly cracked pepper and cocoa. Pair this Sangiovese, with its fresh red fruit and savory herbal notes, with rare steak, roasted game birds, wild boar dishes, or anything with tomato sauce.

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<b>Blend:</b>	<b>100% Sangiovese</b>
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	<b>18 Months; 100% French Oak</b>
<b>Appellation:</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>
<b>Production:</b>	<b>228 Cases</b>
<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>14.1%</b>
<b>SRP:</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>

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