Napa Cabernet 2022: Top wines from Rutherford

The Rutherford bench has long been a rich part of Napa Valley's history, producing some of the region's early icons. Known for its signature, 'Rutherford dust' character, Jonathan Cristaldi offers his top selections from the 2022 vintage.

Jonathan Cristaldi
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A view of the Rutherford appellation. Credit: Suzanne Becker Bronk

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The best 2022 Rutherford wines showcase the AVA's signature balance of power, elegance and dusty minerality, despite the vintage's heat challenges.

Rutherford, known for its alluvial benchlands and deep gravelly soils, produced wines with ripe fruit concentration, refined tannins and impressive structural integrity in this vintage.

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Bella Oaks, Proprietary Red Wine, Rutherford, Napa Valley, California, USA 2022

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The Proprietary Red was aged 21 months in roughly 75% new French oak. It lifts beautifully out of the glass with alluring aromas of leaner

Greer, Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley, California, USA 2022

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Located in Rutherford on Manley Lane, wedged between Bella Oaks and Scarecrow, the Greer Vineyard is owned by Rob and Sid Cronk. Alexis Pelt has

JH Wheeler, Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California, USA 2022

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