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3rd Quarter 2021 - SEPTEMBER

Rudd Crossroads Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 Retail - \$85

Leslie & Susan Rudd are the founders of Rudd Estate. The Rudds had the biggest beverage wholesale business in Wichita, Kansas. Leslie added Dean & DeLuca and Oakville grocery to his portfolio. Currently the family owns PRESS Steakhouse in St. Helena.

The 2018 vintage is starting to show what a perfect growing season looks like. Rudd Crossroads 2018 showcases what a “Goldilocks” season can produce.

Winery Notes:

On the palate, you find a balance of freshness and complexity. At first taste, you are hit with freshly picked blackberries that are warm, juicy, and satisfying, followed up by an earthy and iron tannin presence that is approachable, and reminds you of the red dirt it comes from as it lingers on the finish. Whether you are enjoying this wine with your family pizza night or on an evening stroll as the sun is setting, you will never be disappointed.

Appellation: Oakville

Winemaking: 54% Neutral French Oak, 38% new, 4% Terracotta Amphora & 4% Stainless steel.

Failla Pinot Noir Hirsch Vineyard 2018 Wines Retail - \$95

Failla is known for making unbelievable Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from some of California’s world renowned vineyards: Olivet Ranch, Platt, Peay, Occidental Ridge, Fort Ross-Sea View and of course Hirsch Vineyard.

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The 2018 Pinot Noir Hirsch Vineyard is a wine of dramatic and exquisite beauty. Soaring aromatics lead into a core of sweet red/purplish berry fruit. There is a level of depth to the Hirsch that is just remarkable. If opened young, the 2018 needs a good bit of air to allow a hint of reduction to blow off. The Hirsch is deceptive in its mid-weight feel, but it has tremendous depth and structure to burn. I especially admire its crystal-clear focus and transcendental beauty. – Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 4/2020

Production: 600 cases

Winemaking: 11 months in 20% New French Oak

- Bert