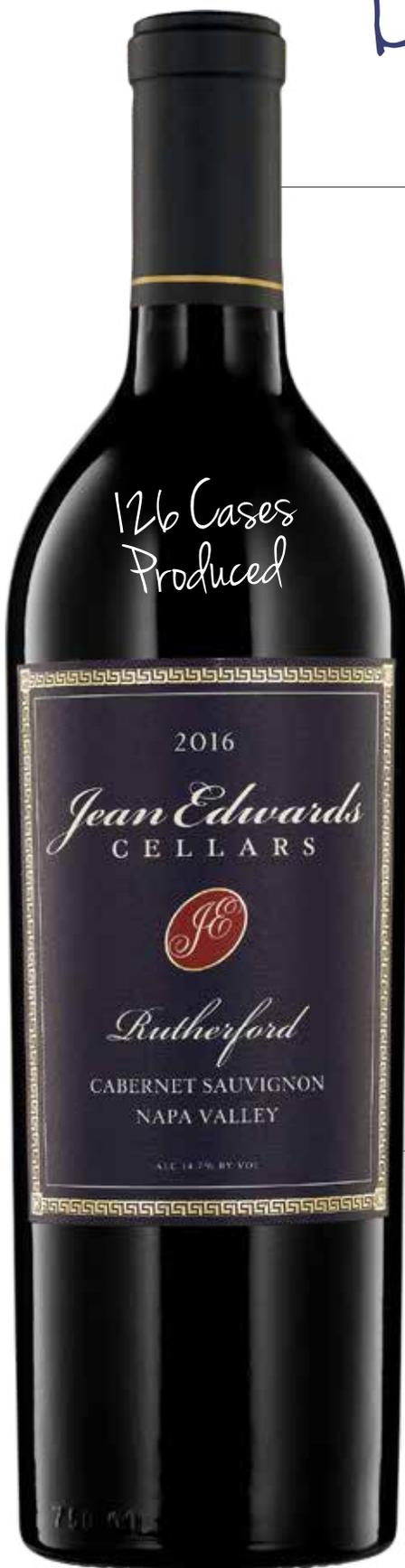




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JEAN EDWARDS CELLARS
2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley



The story behind Jean Edwards Cellars is not dissimilar from a number of small California wineries. The owners, Karen and John Troisi - pronounced *Tro-see* - spent many vacations visiting and enjoying various California wine regions and became hooked on Napa Valley's beauty and the ongoing ambiance of the wine industry. The New Jersey couple was so intrigued that they finally decided to do something about it.

"We first began in the late 1990's by purchasing some grapes and having them sent to a small winery in New Jersey to process," admitted Karen Troisi. "It was a case of getting our feet wet and the wine we made was mostly for our personal consumption and to give to our friends."

Some seven years later, the Troisis realized they possessed a good deal of wine, more than they could drink and give away. "We decided then to put a team together and enter the business for real. Jean Edwards Cellars became a reality and we began living our dream," she continued.

Noted winemaker Kian Tavakoli was hired and Jean Edwards (a combination of Karen and John's middle names) was off and running. A decision was made to initially limit their operation's production to Cabernet Sauvignon, the couple's favorite varietal, and one of their first bottlings earned a solid 92-Point rating from *Wine Spectator* - a fact that assured Jean Edwards Cellars' perpetuation. "We sold our existing inventory over the next two weekends and haven't stopped since then," Karen Troisi explained.

The winery has expanded slowly and currently produces some 850 cases annually. They have also added new fruit sources with a wider selection of grape varietals to craft a variety of small-batch limited production wines from some of Napa and Sonoma's most highly regarded growers and vineyards. A new tasting room (called Wines on First, a tasting collective) has afforded Jean Edwards additional national exposure.

The winery has also earned some rather prestigious accolades along the way, including being named the **2017 Best Boutique Winery** by *Napa Valley Life Magazine*. Winemaker Kian Tavakoli was also named **One of the Top Three Winemakers in Napa Valley** by the same magazine in both 2017 and 2018. *Wine Spectator* named Jean Edwards **One of Twenty New Cabernet Producers to Watch**, and the wines are consistently highly rated by the press.

The Troisis' living dream is best summed up by their business philosophy: "The quality of wine in bottle, purity of fruit in the wines, and the wine's overall expression must be a reflection of what nature gives us." We are happy to present this outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon to our esteemed *Diamond Plus! Wine Club* members. Please enjoy.

Accolades and Tasting Notes

94+ Points - Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate* **93 Points** - James Suckling

An expressive, multi-dimensional wine, the Jean Edwards 2016 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon features fruit from three Napa Valley vineyards: Beckstoffer George III, Beckstoffer Orchard Avenue, and Beckstoffer Melrose. On the nose, black and red fruits mingle with hints of Rutherford dust, while the well-structured palate offers flavors of dark black cherry, plum, cassis, hints of spice, dust and a waft of truffles overlaying the sweet, oaky tannins. The fine-grained frame finishes long with great purity. Aged 22 months in oak. 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Malbec, 3% Merlot. Enjoy!



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