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Gold Series Selection

Rutherford Ranch Winery

2005 Rhiannon

Napa Valley

Rutherford Ranch Winery is part of a family of brands under the Rutherford Wine Company, with a portfolio of wines representing the rich diversity of California's outstanding appellations. Rutherford Ranch is located in Napa Valley's Rutherford District – one of the region's most renowned sub-appellations and long considered the heart of the valley. Nestled on the site of the original Round Hill Winery, which was started in the 1970's by Ernie and Virginia Van Asperen, the winery changed owners in 2000 to long-time shareholders Marko and Theo Zaninovich. The estate vineyards were replanted with superior vines and the winery and Tasting Room underwent significant renovations, yet the estate's 100-year-old olive grove and unpretentious charm remain essentially unchanged. Winemaker Steve Rued helped the winery and estate vineyards achieve a 100% Certified Organic distinction, which meets the strictest State and Federal guidelines for 'environmentally progressive' winegrowing. The critically acclaimed wines being released from Rutherford Ranch Winery continue to be a hit with the press and public alike, and noted wine writer Robert Parker has aptly named these wines among the "best value in Napa Valley."

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Rutherford Ranch's 2005 Rhiannon Red Wine is the second vintage of this Bordeaux-style wine and comes from select vineyards located throughout the Napa Valley. The goddess Rhiannon is a figure of power and mystery in the Zaninovich family's Welsh heritage and is associated with the contrasting characteristics of change and steadfastness – an interesting parallel to the winemaking tradition of crafting distinctive varietal blends. A delicious marriage of Napa Valley red varietal fruit, the 2005 Rhiannon has garnered an exceptional response from the wine industry press including **92 Points** from the *Beverage Tasting Institute*, a **Chairman's Best of Class** from the *Long Beach Grand Cru Wine Competition*, and **5 Stars – Exceptional** from *Restaurant Wine* magazine. And that's not all...the 2005 Rhiannon was also awarded **2 Best of Class**, **5 Gold Medals**, and was named **Best Value** by the *Quarterly Review of Wine*. Vibrant ruby red in color, this luscious red wine features aromas of cassis, Bing cherry, black raspberry and vanilla bean on the nose intertwined with scents of dark chocolate and espresso bean. Succulent flavors of cassis, cranberry and plum marry with the soft caramel and rich tannins for an elegant finish. 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 5% Syrah, 2% Petite Sirah. Enjoy now until 2015.

REORDERS

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Winery Direct: \$28.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:**2-Bottle Members: \$21.00 /bottle****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$19.00 /bottle**

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

(plus shipping)

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