

LIVINGSTON MOFFETT

2002 Rutherford Estate

Napa Valley

Cabernet Sauvignon

- PHILOSOPHY:** Make the Best wine Possible from this Historic Site.
- VINEYARD:** Since 1984, the de facto estate wine of Livingston Moffett winery has been bottled under the name Moffett Vineyard. Planted in the 1960's on what was then known as the Rutherford Bench, these old Cabernet vines grown on St. George rootstock were dry-farmed on a hillside underlain by well-drained volcanic and alluvial soils.
- Today this vineyard, replanted in 1999, reflects more than 30 years of viticultural advances. Among these, vine spacing has been reduced by more than half, a vertical shoot position trellis replaces a horizontal cross-armed system, a variety of new-rootstocks have been paired to the soils and grafted to several Cabernet Sauvignon clones chosen from test plots scattered on the property. **Production is limited to a single cluster per mature shoot.**
- HARVEST DATE:** Oct.1st
- TONS PER ACRE:** 1.25 tons per acre
- BRIX:** 26.3
- BLEND:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon,
- PRODUCTION:** 262 cases
- WINEMAKER:** Marco DiGiulio
- BARREL AGING:** 27 Months in French oak (90% new barrels)
- PRODUCTION NOTES:** Natural yeast fermentation extended maceration, no filtering or fining.
- TASTING NOTES:** Dark black fruit with rich aromas of deep cherry, blackberry and vanilla. On the palate the wine is rich and silky with tons of bright blackberries, cherries and boysenberries. The finish has a classic Rutherford Dust flavor with great balance of acidity, tannins and oak. Drink now through 2010.

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