



NIEBAUM ESTATE

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1882

1882 was the first vintage produced by Gustave Niebaum on the estate that would become one of the most renowned wineries in the New World - Inglenook. In the same year, Niebaum dug a small cave in the foothills of the Mayacamas to experiment and better understand temperature ideals for barrel aging.

Niebaum's vision was legendary and his inquisitive search for perfection pioneered many initiatives of the modern-day Napa Valley. Today, Inglenook lies in the heart of the famous Rutherford Bench, offering an unparalleled wealth of quality fruit, richness and minerality from this unique terroir. 1882, made exclusively from estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, has been created to honor Gustave.

VINTAGE NOTES

2012 was one of the best vintages in recent history because of near perfect climate conditions. The entire season was marked by moderate temperatures, which lasted through September and October. Having no heat spikes or rain to contend with in the fall gave the grapes better concentration and ripeness as well as more textural dimension and flavor complexity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Over the last few years, we've perfected our already refined winemaking methods, using smaller trays during harvest, a gentler destemmer that minimizes oxidation, and applying greater scrutiny during the fermentation process by evaluating individual blocks of fruit daily to optimize pump overs. These methods have greatly enhanced the quality of our Cabernet Sauvignon, which is why this wine is a pure varietal representation. The wine spent 18 months in a combination of French and American oak, with a heavier slant on French oak. About 15% of the barrels were new wood to accommodate the robust character of the fruit.

TASTING NOTES

Well structured with excellent volume and fine dry tannins, our 1882 Cabernet Sauvignon offers a solid core of dark fruits including blackberries, plums and black cherry, while aromatic notes of dark chocolate, tobacco leaves, smoke, vanilla, toasted oak, and subtle hints of violets add complexity and intrigue. Our 2012 vintage of 1882 will continue to evolve over the next five to ten years.



APPELLATION:	RUTHERFORD, CA
BLEND:	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINEYARD:	RED BARN, CHATEAU, SMALL BLOCK
CASE PRODUCTION:	3,800
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
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