



Inglenook

2009 CASK CABERNET SAUVIGNON



HISTORY

In 1975, Francis Ford Coppola purchased the historic Inglenook property, intent on restoring the estate's legacy of creating world-class wines equal to those that founder Gustave Niebaum and his grandnephew John Daniel Jr. made for decades. Inglenook CASK, which was originally produced between 1934 and 1964, has been judged by critics to be among the best Cabernet ever made. Since 1995, the Coppola family has produced a new era of CASK wines that are crafted in the same tradition as those made more than half a century ago.

THE VINTAGE

Light spring rains were followed by warm summer days and no extreme climate variables – ideal conditions that allowed the fruit to ripen steadily and evenly throughout the 2009 vintage. This allowed us to be very selective during the harvest process, choosing fruit that displayed heightened characteristics, richness, and complexity. The Cabernet harvested on our estate in 2009 is well concentrated and voluptuously textured with firm tannins that will reward cellaring.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Under the direction of consulting winemaker Stephane Derenoncourt, the hand-selected grapes were placed in small fermenters where they macerated for 21 days for heightened richness. For added complexity, we used a combination of French and American oak barrels. The 18 months our CASK spent in caves helped integrate the flavors and tannins.

TASTING NOTES

Pronounced aromas of dried cherries, coffee and fine tobacco precede rich flavors of black fruits and hints of licorice and spice. The weight, density and concentration of the fruit coupled with this vintage's textured tannin layers will allow this vintage to develop additional complexity for years to come. Two hours of decanting is recommended before drinking; 2009 is a perfect vintage for collectors.

APPELLATION:	RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY, CA
BLEND:	95% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 5% PETIT VERDOT
VINEYARD:	CHATEAU, GIO, GARDEN, GATE
BARREL REGIMEN:	18 MONTHS IN FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK (NEW AND USED)
AVERAGE CASES PRODUCED:	7,250
ALCOHOL:	14.8%
RELEASE DATE:	JUNE 2012