

2015 RC RESERVE SYRAH

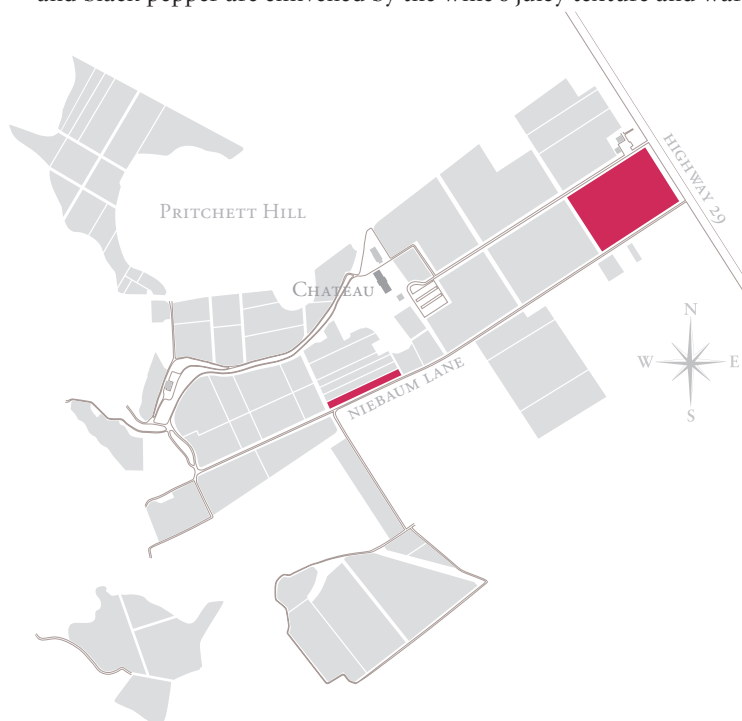
Roman Coppola, a Syrah aficionado fond of both the Australian heavyweights as well as the more pedigreed Syrah-based wines from the Northern Rhone, worked with the Inglenook winemaking team to create an estate Syrah that combined the nuance and texture of 'old world' Syrah with the powerful fruit of 'new world' Syrah. Although the Inglenook Estate is primarily planted to Cabernet, Rutherford's temperate climate, alluvial soils, and eastern exposure where the Syrah vines are planted offer envious conditions for producing a rich, opulent wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

Following a relatively warm winter, the 2015 growing season at Inglenook began early, staying 14 to 21 days ahead of average from budbreak through harvest. Variable weather during flowering in May and limited precipitation for the fourth consecutive year, led to small clusters and low yields in the Syrah blocks. Syrah harvest began with the low vigor areas of the Chateau block on August 21st, and concluded with the west-sloping Gate block on August 28th.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Seamless in delivery, 2015 RC Reserve Syrah overflows with expressive, delineated fruit and spice nuances that are heightened by supple tannins, ample structure, and a long refined finish. Round and full-bodied, impressions of ripe dark cherries, wild blackberries, anise, and black pepper are enlivened by the wine's juicy texture and warm toasted oak character.



APPELLATION:
RUTHERFORD,
NAPA VALLEY

BLEND:
100% SYRAH

VINEYARDS:
CHATEAU, GATE

ALCOHOL:
14.5%

BARREL REGIME:
18 MONTHS
60% FRENCH OAK
40% AMERICAN OAK
25% NEW OAK

BOTTLED:
MAY 2017

Founded in 1879 by Gustave Niebaum, INGLENOOK remains the crown jewel of the Napa Valley under the stewardship of the Coppola family.

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