

2018 RC RESERVE SYRAH

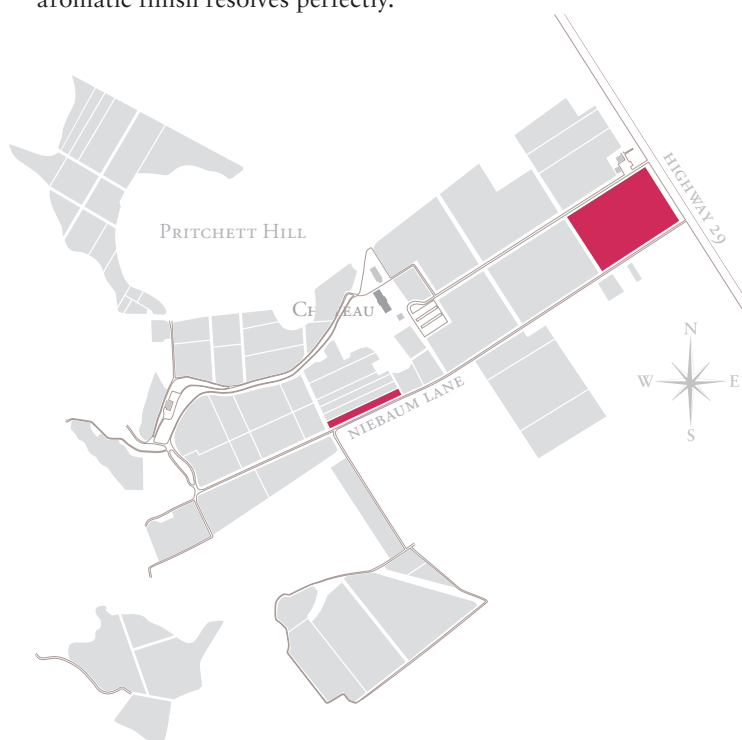
Roman Coppola, a Syrah aficionado fond of both the Australian heavyweights as well as the more pedigreed Syrah-based wines from the Northern Rhone, worked with the Inglenook winemaking team to create an estate Syrah that combined the nuance and texture of 'old world' Syrah with the powerful fruit of 'new world' Syrah. Our terroir provides optimal conditions for producing this rich, opulent wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage produced a generous Syrah crop of excellent quality. Well-timed precipitation in the spring gave the growing season a good start. Bloom in late May and moderately warm temperatures set the stage for gradual ripening in our two blocks of Syrah. The dry-farmed block in our Chateau vineyard was picked on September 3rd, followed by the Gate block two weeks later. Mild temperatures during the two weeks preceding harvest allowed for a gradual ripening of tannins and flavors, and delivery of pristine fruit.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Brilliant and violet-edged ruby in color, the 2018 RC Reserve Syrah shows fresh, vibrant aromas of plum, blueberry, tobacco, and forest floor. The wine is superbly balanced on the palate, with well-defined notes of fennel, cedar, and allspice, which emerge gradually. The texture is velvety, supported by extremely well-integrated French oak, and the long, aromatic finish resolves perfectly.



APPELLATION:
RUTHERFORD,
NAPA VALLEY

BLEND:
100% SYRAH

VINEYARDS:
CHATEAU, GATE

ALCOHOL:
14.5%

BARREL REGIME:
18 MONTHS
100% FRENCH OAK
28% NEW OAK

BOTTLED:
MAY 2020

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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