

2014 RC Reserve Syrah

VINTAGE NOTES

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. The characteristics of this vintage show after spending time in a decanter.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Rich, opulent, and seamlessly structured, 2014 RC Syrah exemplifies the superlative nature of what can be realized from the Inglenook Estate in an outstanding vintage. From its opaque, inky color to a beautifully textured palate, the efforts to learn the intricacies of each vineyard block and what they are capable of, craft a structured wine while retaining freshness. An alluring nose of violets, red pepper, wild berries, and forest fruits is punctuated by more sensuous notes of leather, nutmeg, and chocolate. Intricate and intense, the lush, juicy fruit typical of this wine offers a briary, gamey characteristic. Round upon entry, the expressions are incredibly generous and persistent on the finish. Fine powdery tannins and oak are well blended, creating a masterful integration of flavors and aromatics.



Appellation: Rutherford, CA

Blend: 99% Syrah 1% Petite Sirah

Vineyard: Chateau, Gate

Alcohol: 14.5%

Regimen:

18 Months in 50% French Oak, 50% American Oak, 35% New Oak

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