

## 2015 RUBICON

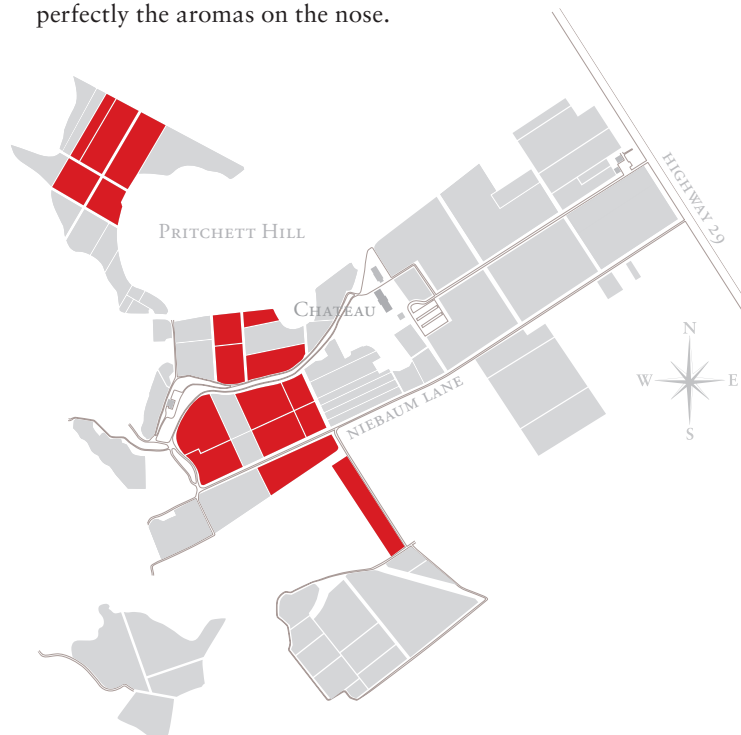
*The production of Rubicon, Inglenook's premier red wine, began in 1978 and restored the Estate's legacy of making world-class wines. Rubicon is an elegant blend from the finest vineyard blocks, and showcases the highest potential of both the estate and the vintage.*

### 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 to harvest. Variable weather during flowering in May, and limited precipitation for the third consecutive year, led to relatively low yields. Merlot, the first Rubicon varietal to reach maturity, was picked on August 22nd, followed nine days later by the first lot of Cabernet Sauvignon. After several consecutive hot days, the pace of harvest ramped up quickly and the Rubicon harvest was completed by September 24th. Modest vineyard yields resulted in highly-focused wines that capture Inglenook's signature elegance, while remaining round and generous on the palate.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

2015 Rubicon displays both elegance and generosity. Resonant scents of black cherries, blackberries, and other dark fruits are enhanced by subtle nuances of vanilla bean, mocha, and allspice. Round, lush, and sweet upon entry, this wine is absolutely seamless on the palate. Silky, fine-grained tannins lead to a lengthy, fragrant finish with flavors that echo perfectly the aromas on the nose.



**APPELLATION:**  
RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY

**BLEND:**  
97% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
3% MERLOT

**VINEYARDS:**  
GIO, LOWER GARDEN, CREEK,  
PRITCHETT HILL, COHN

**ALCOHOL:**  
14.5%

**BARREL REGIME:**  
18 MONTHS  
100% FRENCH OAK  
75% NEW OAK

**BOTTLED:**  
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