

## 2016 RC RESERVE SYRAH

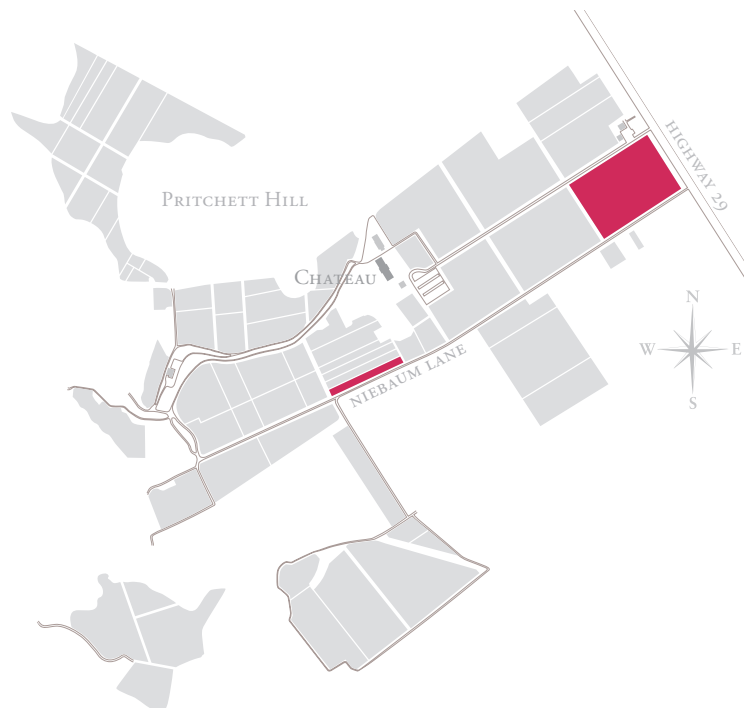
*Roman Coppola, a Syrah aficionado fond of both the Australian heavyweights as well as the more pedigreed, Syrah-based wines from the Northern Rhône, worked with the Inglenook winemaking team to create an estate Syrah that combined the nuance and texture of Old World Syrah with the powerful fruit of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

### VINTAGE NOTES

A winter with average rainfall, following four years of drought, provided ample soil moisture to kick off the 2016 growing season. Early spring was warm, triggering rapid, healthy canopy growth. Average late-spring temperatures and limited rainfall reduced the risk of frost during mid-May bloom, ensuring average yields. June closed with a heat spell, slowing vine canopy growth at the ideal time. Inglenook's Syrah harvest began under excellent conditions in the Gate blocks on August 31st and ended with the final Chateau blocks on September 12th.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2016 RC Reserve Syrah is dark ruby in color with a distinct violet hue. Aromatically, the wine is a heady weave of black licorice, kirsch, wild bay, violets, and sweet black fruits. On the palate, the wine emerges gradually, appearing rich, velvety, and perfectly seamless as it reveals lush flavors of black cherry and freshly baked spice cake with hints of black pepper and clove throughout the extended finish.



**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:**  
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