

2023 INGLENOOK 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 combines 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 2023 growing season began with abundant rainfall, restoring vital moisture into the vineyard soil. The refreshing, wet winter led to later bud break, protecting the vines from frost. A cool Spring extended the season's slower pace through bloom. With ample moisture, the vines developed strong, healthy canopies that supported consistent ripening. Early June brought perfect weather for excellent fruit set. Warm, steady summer days carried the fruit gently toward ripeness. The balanced conditions of the vintage allowed flavors and tannins to develop beautifully, resulting in wines with vibrant freshness, bright acidity, and a clear sense of minerality.

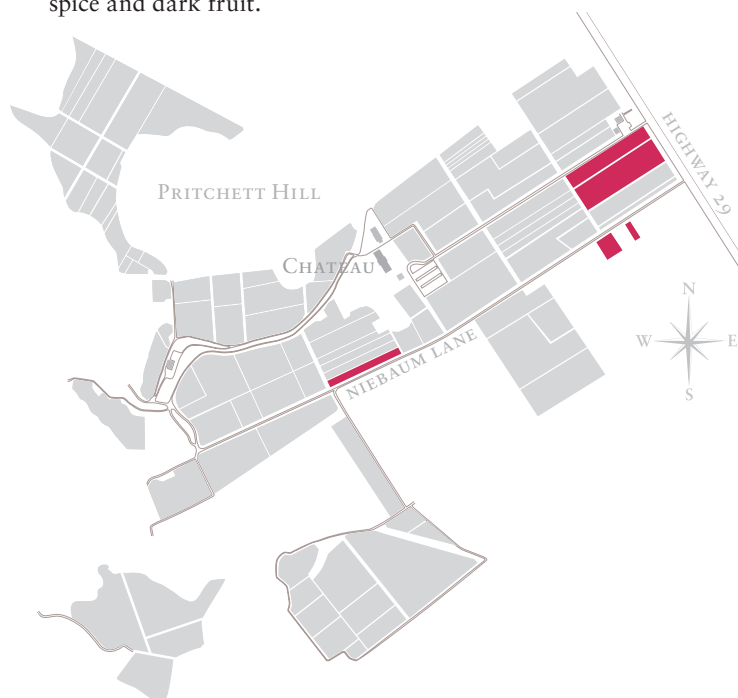
RC Reserve Syrah fruit was carefully hand-harvested over the course of one week, beginning on September 27. The fruit displayed hallmark texture and vibrant character – qualities that continue their expression in the wine.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2023 RC Syrah offers an elegant, complex profile with fresh, vibrant notes of Bing cherry and a touch of black pepper, reflecting the vintage's cool summer months. The nose is enriched with subtle bay leaf and a hint of nutmeg, adding a layer of herbal spice that complements the wine's fruit-forward character. On the palate, the wine reveals a structured yet soft mouthfeel with smooth tannins. A backdrop of graphite and cedar adds a mineral and woody depth, enhancing the wine's balance and complexity. The extended finish leaves lingering hints of spice and dark fruit.



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



APPELLATION:
RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY

BLEND:
100% SYRAH

VINEYARDS:
GATE, CHATEAU

ALCOHOL:
14.5%

BARREL REGIMEN:
20 MONTHS
37% NEW FRENCH OAK
63% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK

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