

RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY Cabernet Franc 2017 ESTATE BOTTLED OOK, RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

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

2017 CABERNET FRANC

Cabernet Franc is traditionally a blending varietal – and an important component in the Inglenook Cabernet Sauvignon and Rubicon blends. A stand-alone Cabernet Franc is a rare treasure. Some years the Cabernet Franc must be highlighted on its own. This wine has been crafted as a unique, limited production offering – only for members.

VINTAGE NOTES

Rainfall in winter and spring of 2017 was bountiful, totaling nearly 50 inches. These conditions allowed for a smooth transition into bloom and fruit set. The beautiful organically-farmed fruit used to produce the Inglenook 2017 Cabernet Franc came from a single block in the Bridge Vineyard on the back property of the estate, which was hand harvested on September 27th.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Alluringly deep garnet red in color, the 2017 Cabernet Franc is intensely aromatic, with aromatics of deep black cherry, rose petal, black tea, and crushed red currant juxtaposed with a very subtle classic, savory note for which the varietal is known. On the palate, the wine is luxurious, with a velvety texture, notes of red licorice and fennel, and a seamless integration with its French oak component.



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