



2018 INGLENOOK CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Inglenook Cabernet Sauvignon is a tribute to John Daniel Jr., who produced the much-heralded Inglenook 1941 Cabernet Sauvignon from vine cuttings brought from Bordeaux to the Inglenook Estate by founder Gustave Niebaum.

Today, this standout wine is still crafted with organically-farmed fruit grown exclusively on our estate.



2018 Vintage Notes:

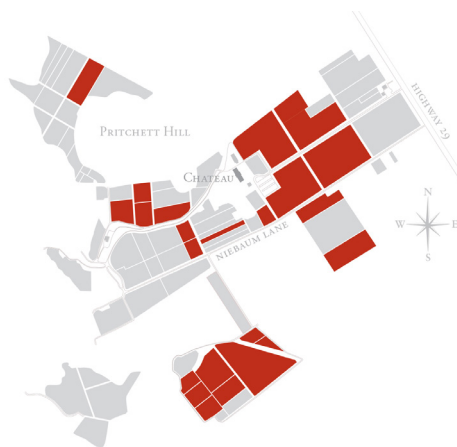
Well-timed spring rainfall and moderate temperatures throughout the season set the stage for a generous 2018 crop of excellent quality. Blocks contributing to our 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon represent the true diversity of the Inglenook estate. We picked the first Merlot from the Gio vineyard on September 13, and the earliest Cabernet Sauvignon from the Cohn blocks on September 21. Fruit from Lower Cask and Walnut in the Pritchett Hill vineyard, in the heart of the Rutherford Bench arrived next, while Cabernet from the Chateau blocks ripened fully by the first week of October.



Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

A wine of considerable charm, energy and finesse, 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is opaque ruby red in color, and opens with aromas of ripe cassis, blackberry, espresso and cedar. Although powerful below the surface, the wine is extremely focused and well-balanced, with silky tannins, ample freshness, and vibrant structure, that lead to a crescendo in the lengthy, polished finish.

Appellation:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
Blend:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.5% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot, 0.5% Petit Verdot
Vineyard:	Chateau, Cohn, Creek, Gate, Gio, La Lomita, Lower Cask, Red Barn, Walnut
Alcohol:	14.5%
Barrel Regime:	18 Months, 100% French Oak, 43% New Oak
Bottled:	June 2020



JAMES SUCKLING 95 POINTS

Full-bodied with lots of layered fruit and round, creamy tannins. The palate shows lovely ripe-berry character with chocolate and hazelnut and a long, flavorful finish. Hints of black truffles. Plenty going on here with a firm framework that gives the wine form and interest.

Try it after 2022.

Also:

**Jeb Dunnock - 93 Pts, Vinous - 94 Pts,
Wine Enthusiast - 94 Pts, Wine Advocate - 90 Pts.**

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

