



2016 INGLENOOK 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. Under the guidance of Philippe Bascaules, Inglenook's Director of Winemaking, Rubicon proudly takes its place alongside much older, revered vintages of Inglenook in collectors' cellars around the world.



2016 Vintage Notes:

After four years of drought, a winter with average rainfall was welcome, as it provided ample soil moisture for a strong start to the 2016 growing season. Average late-spring temperatures and limited precipitation minimized 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. Harvest of the blocks contributing to the 2016 Inglenook Rubicon blend occurred under optimum conditions from September 6th through September 27th.



Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Ideal harvest conditions endowed the 2016 Rubicon with the three elements associated with a truly great wine from the Rutherford appellation: complexity, balance, and elegance. The aromas are intense and focused with top notes of creamy, sweet vanilla, and black licorice wound around a core of exquisitely ripe black cherry and crème de cassis. This refinement extends directly to the palate, where the wine is both broad and deep with sensuous, silky tannins. Supremely balanced in terms of both opulence and complexity, ripe black fruits and an ultra-smooth texture provide an impressive crescendo to a very long finish.

- Appellation:** Rutherford, Napa Valley
Blend: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc
Vineyard: Apple, Cask, Creek, Gio, Lower Cask, Lower Garden, Walnut
Alcohol: 14.1%
Barrel Regime: 18 Months, 100% French Oak, 75% New Oak.
Bottled: May 2018



JAMES SUCKLING 97 POINTS

This is a powerful and structured red with full body, focused and polished tannins and a long and flavorful finish. It's very close to the great 2013. A blend of 93 per cent cabernet sauvignon and seven per cent cabernet franc. Needs three or four years to come around.

**Also: Jeb Dunnock - 96 Pts, Vinous - 96 Pts,
Wine Advocate - 95 Pts,
Wine Enthusiast - 93 Pts - Cellar Selection,
Wine Spectator - 92 Pts.**

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