

2019 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.



2019 Vintage Notes:

A wet winter just before the 2019 growing season fed our vineyards and a cool spring gave way to budbreak in the second week of April. That led to excellent conditions for an early bloom which occurred just after more rain in late May. The resulting 2019 crop was generously proportioned, and while July was cool, warmer temperatures in August and September promoted very gradual, even ripening. The 2019 Rubicon was harvested over a 36-day period, beginning in mid-September with Merlot. The round, ripe tannins of the Pritchett Hill blocks and the aromatic complexity of the Gio blocks were further complemented by the profoundly deep flavors of the Cohn vineyard.



Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Visually striking, with its violet-edged, opaque rubyred color, the 2019 Rubicon opens gradually, revealing notes of blackberry, black cherry and cassis. Upon more aeration, notes of espresso, clove and cassis bud emerge. On the palate, silky and fine-textured tannins are wrapped around a firm structural core that anchors the wine. Subtle hints of tobacco, black licorice and anise arise during the extended, seamless finish. The overall vibrant energy and refinement of this elegant wine mark it as quintessentially Rubicon.



Appellation: Rutherford, Napa Valley

Blend: 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

Vineyard: Apple, Cask, Cohn, Creek, Gio, La Lomita, Lower Garden, Walnut

Alcohol: 14.1

Barrel Regime: 20 Months, 100% French Oak, 74% New Oak.

Bottled: June 2020



SWith a grip of currant, dried herb, sage and cedar, this youthful wine is structured, elegant and tremendously ageworthy. Bright throughout in vibrant acidity, it is sophisticated in style, with an earthiness that endures, showcasing the incredible potential that continues to be realized from the organically farmed estate. Enjoy best from 2029–2034.

Also: Jeb Dunnuck-96 Pts, James Suckling-95 Pts, Vinous-95 Pts, Wine Spectator-93 Pts.









