

## **2020 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.

## 2020 Vintage Notes:

Excellent canopy growth protected the fruit during the short stints of summer heat that led to 2020's early veraison. All fruit was hand-harvested in just over four weeks, beginning with Merlot from the Gio vineyard on August 22nd, and concluding with Cabernet Sauvignon from the Apple block in the Pritchett Hill vineyard on September 19th. Practicing organic farming since the 1980's, Inglenook was one of the first Napa Valley vineyards to be certified organic in 1994. Experimentation is embedded in Inglenook's DNA, and within this ongoing evaluation, considerations of climate change, vine age, vintage and other factors reiterate that an estate of Inglenook's caliber and quality is forever a work-inprogress.





## Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

The 2020 Rubicon opens with an array of focused aromatics, ranging from crème de cassis and tobacco leaf to dark chocolate and espresso notes. On the palate, the wine is rich and inviting, with the sleek, cohesive structure of a classic Rubicon vintage. The original aromatics return in the finish, along with a hint of allspice and clove. Each taste of Rubicon expresses the wine's freshness as it unites with the heritage and longevity of the estate.

Appellation:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
Blend:	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot
Vineyard:	Gio, Cohn, Lower Garden, Apple, Creek
Alcohol:	14.1
Barrel Regime:	20 Months, 100% French Oak, 75% New
Bottled:	July 2022

## JAMES SUCKLING 96 POINTS

Oak.

So perfumed with lavender, violets, bark and blackcurrants. Some mint and spearmint. It's medium- to full-bodied with integrated tannins and a gorgeous finish. Lovely finesse and texture. This is extremely well done for a 2020. So drinkable now. Drink or hold. Also: Wine Advocate-93 Pts

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



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