



DIRECTOR'S CUT SPECIAL EDITION 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AN ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

In the film business, the "Director's Cut" emerged as a means for filmmakers to present their own creative vision of a story. At the Francis Ford Coppola Winery, *Director's Cut* wines were created as a way for wine "director" Corey Beck to craft wines that would reflect his own unique vision that embraces appellation-specific sourcing, meticulous fruit selection, and numerous blending trials so that the wines capture the distinct nuances of the fruit's microclimates in a highly refined style.

RUTHERFORD

This year's Cabernet Sauvignon hails from the Coppola Family's prestigious Inglenook estate in Napa Valley's Rutherford appellation. Located at the foot of Mt. St. John, the estate's Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards reflect unique clonal selections as expressed through the volcanic and ancient marine sedimentary soils that have made this region famous.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2016 experienced a traditional season where a cold, wet winter was followed by prolonged summer heat that let the fruit to develop excellent flavor concentration and ripe tannins. Harvest was spread out over many weeks, creating a slow pace that allowed the winemaking team to devote more attention to each batch of fruit. This extra care is reflected in the exceptional quality of the wine, a heady blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah from the famed Inglenook estate.

TASTING NOTES

Opulent best describes our Director's Cut Special Edition Cabernet Sauvignon. It's a wine with presence and complex character, supple tannins, and fragrant oak that frames alluring impressions of red cherries, plum, leather, tobacco, and cloves. Mouthfilling and dramatic, as the wine opens up, black fruits emerge with notes of vanilla and baking spices. This is a long-lived wine worthy of attention.



APPELLATION: Rutherford, Napa Valley

BLEND: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Syrah

pH: 3.62

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

TOTAL ACID: .58/100ml

BARREL REGIMEN: 18 months in French oak