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FAMILY VINEYARD

2016 INEO
Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2019
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 26th - October 10th, 2016
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	21 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 100% New
<i>Blend</i>	51% Cabernet Franc, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%

Tasting Notes



2016 was yet another superb growing season that began with a warm and dry winter in what has become our extended drought which lead to what has now become the normal 'early' budbreak which was again supported by fortuitously timed February rains. A relatively hot early season and start to summer pushed the pace and the expectation of an early harvest but a significant cooling shift occurred at the end of July, tapping the brakes enough for a more extended hang time allowing increased flavor development and a slightly later than expected start to the harvest.

A picture of poise and beauty, the 2016 INEO is a mellifluous composition of purple fruits, powdered rocks and pinched violets that flows seamlessly and shamelessly across the palate. Peak summer boysenberries merge with ripe, oozy plums faintly dusted by baking chocolate and espresso grinds giving just the right amount of edge and kick to the generous fruit before complex notes of licorice, black garlic and creosote emerge from the deep core.