

STAGLIN

FAMILY VINEYARD

2017 INEO

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2020
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	October 2nd - October 7th
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	21 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 90% New, 10% Used
<i>Blend</i>	74% Cabernet Franc, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

2017 was a growing season for the record books – from drought ending winter rains to late summer heat events. The wettest winter in almost two decades along with the extended dormancy of a decently cold winter allowed the vines to rest and recover from a 5 year stretch of abundant activity and gave us a later than typical budbreak. Though the late spring and early summer were defined by peaks and valleys compared to other ‘goldilocks’ years which enjoyed less varied conditions, we had a well-managed crop that handled the overall warm growing conditions beautifully.

The 2017 INEO is a captivating concoction of concentrated dark fruits set with decadent confectioned delights and sweet spices amidst a fragrant forest canopy dusted with sintered minerals. A cascade of cocoa powder-coated, coriander-spiced blackberry intimated by blueberry and black pepper dusted blackcurrant is cooled by refreshing menthol hinted with moist tobacco and herbaceous notes of damp conifer needles. The gloriously textured palate is a combination of sultry suede kept delineated and honest by talc-like pulverized granitic rocks framed by taut, soft-edged tannins that pull through to a wonderfully elongated finish.

