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FAMILY VINEYARD

2018 INEO

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2021
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	October 12th - October 27th
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	21 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 93% New, 7% Used
<i>Blend</i>	58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc, 19% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The 2018 growing season was even and mild – a delightful respite and contrast to the extremes of 2017. A generally dry winter gave way to a wet early spring that fully charged the soil profile with generous and well-timed rains. Ideal conditions during the flowering period allowed for a great set made for an abundant potential crop. The crop load was remarkable not because the number of clusters or the size of the berries, but for the sheer number of berries on each cluster. A generally temperate and languid summer led to the latest start to a harvest in my tenure here and allowed for an extended hangtime that allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and mature the fruit at lower levels of sugar and higher levels of acid resulting in fresh and expressive wines.

The 2018 INEO is a thrilling dance of soaring aromatics and cascading blue fruits deep with confection and savory treats. Exuberant florals of hyacinth and tuberose underlain by smoky resinous herbs dance over an elderberry infused boysenberry and blueberry fruit crumble that magically morphs into a medley of Binchotan grilled meats topped with fresh cracked black pepper and olive tapenade. A powerful palate of coiled energy and high