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FAMILY VINEYARD

2021 INEO

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2024
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 21st - October 2nd
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	22 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 72% New, 28% Used
<i>Blend</i>	67% Cabernet Franc, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The low yields of the 2021 vintage delivered fruit of exceptional quality. A lack of moisture defined the growing season, counterbalanced by relatively even temperatures. The result of this fortunate combination was intense flavor throughout the vineyard and record small berries & clusters. Ideal end of season conditions allowed harvest decisions to be made entirely on development of the fruit, rather than concern for upcoming heat or rain events. The grapes were picked in the cool, early mornings to preserve their natural freshness, acidity and delicate flavors.

An inky dark wine of towering structure, the 2021 INEO manages to achieve an elegant balance. The nose delivers blackberry, chocolate, espresso, caramel and a touch of menthol. A delightful freshness counterbalances the seriousness of the texture and depth of the black fruit. Ever evolving, the muscular core develops and brightens into playful notes of rose petal, Bing cherry, leather and wild fennel.