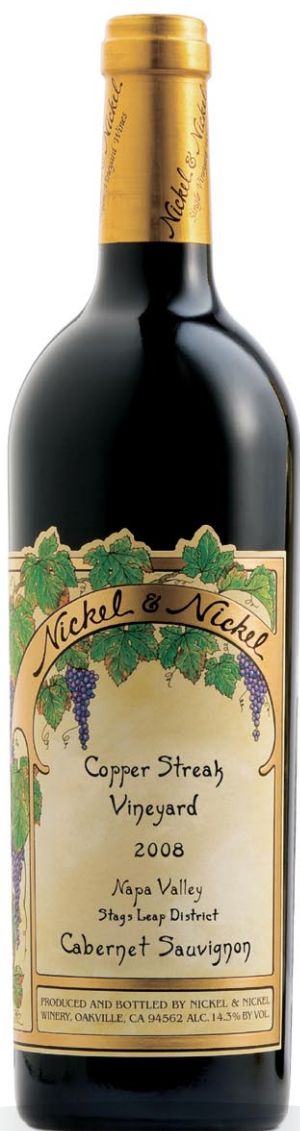




## 2008 COPPER STREAK VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Copper Streak Vineyard is located in a protected hollow at the base of the palisades in Stags Leap District. The soils are composed of Perkins gravelly loam mixed with red, copper-like streaks, which is how the vineyard got its name. The vines receive a western exposure and are of moderate size, yielding loose clusters with small berries. The climate in Stags Leap is very warm; however, midafternoon breezes sweep in to cool things down, allowing for excellent ripening. Nickel & Nickel Copper Streak Cabernet is produced from seven of the vineyard's 30 acres.

### HARVEST NOTES

The 2008 growing season provided a variety of weather patterns that presented a few challenges, but ultimately resulted in some exciting wines. The year began with substantial rainfall, but was followed by a dry spell that actually put us behind normal precipitation levels. The longest frost season in decades followed, which lowered vineyard yields, but the remaining crop developed beautiful intensity. Very warm temperatures in mid-May gave way to a cool summer and warm September. Three distinct blocks ripened at different times, however all of the fruit was harvested within a two-week window in September.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2008 Copper Streak has dark fruit flavors of berry and cassis paired with cocoa, black tea and sweet herbs. This exotic combination is carried on luxurious, velvety tannins that almost melt away on the palate. This jammy ripeness and fleshy texture blend seamlessly with the French oak to yield a wine that is most distinctive.

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### APPELLATION

Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(50% new, 50% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

September 2011

### HARVEST DATES

September 12 - 24, 2008

### SKIN CONTACT

8 - 11 days

### TIME

18 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2005

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