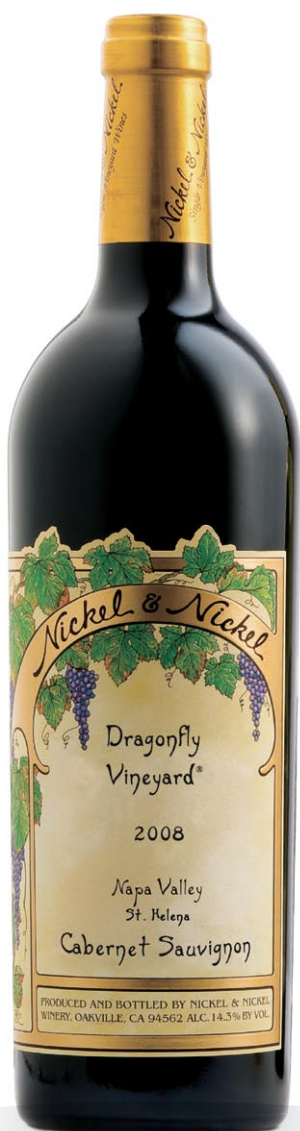




## 2008 DRAGONFLY VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a “banana belt” microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site’s deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

### 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. This vineyard was night harvested in the middle of September to capture the best flavors within the cold clusters.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2008 vintage as a whole captures incredibly ripe flavors with mouthwatering tannins, and the 2008 Dragonfly in particular is a beautiful expression of the vintage. Strawberry and boysenberry aromas entice the senses and reward the taster upon first sip. Warm, toasty French oak offers vanillin flavors that complement the ripe, jammy red fruit, mingling beautifully with the elegant tannins.

### APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(48% new, 52% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

September 2011

### HARVEST DATE

September 16, 2008

### SKIN CONTACT

11 - 13 days

### TIME

16 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

1999

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