



2008 TENCH VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The 43-acre Tench Vineyard is situated on the eastern edge of Oakville along the Silverado Trail. The area's red, rocky soils of clay and volcanic rock have produced many famous Napa Valley Cabernets. Nickel & Nickel produces Cabernet from just nine acres of this late-ripening vineyard with northwest exposure. The grapes rapidly develop color and flavor as temperatures rise and harvest approaches.

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, and the distinctive red, rocky soils of Tench captured the afternoon's heat and carried it well into the evening, quickly ripening the fruit. This vineyard was harvested in the early morning hours in mid-September.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2008 Tench Cabernet Sauvignon displays bright boysenberry and blueberry fruits, which are special characteristics of this rocky terrain. Sweet vanillin from the French oak enhances the fruit and produces a beautiful middle palate. The fine tannins from this vintage add volume and carry those ripe fruit flavors into a lengthy finish.

APPELLATION

Oakville, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

September 2011

HARVEST DATE

September 15, 2008

SKIN CONTACT

14 - 15 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1999