



Top right: Devoted to producing single-vineyard, single-varietal Cabernet Sauvignon, Nickel & Nickel presently sources fruit for its Cabernets from sites in Oakville, St. Helena and Coombsville.

Left: As if single-vineyard isn't specific enough — the Far Niente Stelling Cabernet is produced from only 1.4 acres of the grapes grown in the 100-acre Stelling Vineyard.



NICKEL & NICKEL

single-vineyard, single-varietal
specialists

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You'd think that owning a prime 42-acre vineyard in the heart of the Napa Valley's most renowned appellation would be enough for even the most dedicated winegrower. Especially when your neighbors include celebrated Oakville producers such as Robert Mondavi, Groth, Dalla Valle, Far Niente and Screaming Eagle. But the proprietors of Nickel & Nickel, a spanking-new destination winery situated in the district, are a very ambitious bunch.

Although its actual brick-and-mortar home will open to the public on July 1, Nickel & Nickel already has several vintages in the marketplace. Founded in