



The Independent Consumer's Bimonthly Guide to Fine Wine

NICKEL & NICKEL	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON BRANDING IRON VINEYARD	OAKVILLE	RED	93
NICKEL & NICKEL	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON KELHAM VINEYARD	OAKVILLE	RED	92
NICKEL & NICKEL	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON ROCK CAIRN VINEYARD	OAKVILLE	RED	93
NICKEL & NICKEL	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON C.C. RANCH VINEYARD	RUTHERFORD	RED	92
NICKEL & NICKEL	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON QUARRY VINEYARD	RUTHERFORD	RED	94
NICKEL & NICKEL	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON MARTIN STELLING VINEYARD	OAKVILLE	RED	95

This is a beautiful set of distinctive wines from Nickel & Nickel.

The **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Branding Iron Vineyard** is one of the more brooding wines in this lineup. Iron, dark cherries, tobacco and incense are some of the nuances that emerge from this taut, structured Cabernet Sauvignon. It shows terrific length and follow-through to the virile, potent finish. This is a decidedly focused, structured wine that needs time for the tannins to start melting away. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2028.

The **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Kelham Vineyard** shows off gorgeous dark fruit and a radiant, expressive personality. Hints of smoke, licorice and tar develop in the glass, adding considerable complexity to the racy dark fruit and the supple finish. This is a gorgeous, inviting Cabernet that will drink beautifully for a number of years. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2028.

The **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Rock Cairn Vineyard** impresses for its plush, dark fruit and open, inviting personality. The balance of fruit and tannins is exceptional here, and renders the wine immensely pleasing, even at this early stage. A voluptuous, sexy finish rounds things out in style. The Rock Cairn is one of the more feminine, graceful wines in this line up of rich Cabernets. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024.

The **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon C.C. Ranch Vineyard** is one of the more immediate wines in this line up. It shows lovely persistence in its attractive, dark red fruit, flowers, licorice and tobacco, but then tapers off a bit on the finish. This is one of the simpler wines here. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023.

The **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Quarry Vineyard** reveals gorgeous depth in an understated, cool style. The Quarry is all about delineation and subtlety, both of which it has in spades. Mint, violet and cassis are some of the nuances that come to life in the glass as this elegant, finessed wine shows off its class and pedigree. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2028.

The **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Martin Stelling Vineyard** is another of the darker, more brooding wines in this lineup. Tar, smoke, licorice plums and blackberries are some of the notes that emerge from this powerful, inward Cabernet. It shows fabulous balance all the way through to the pure, tannic finish. The wine's purity and sheer classiness place it among the very finest wines of the vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2028.