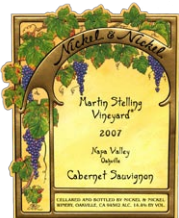


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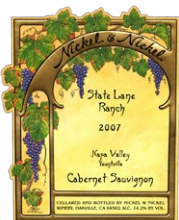
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2007 Oakville Napa Valley Martin Stelling Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

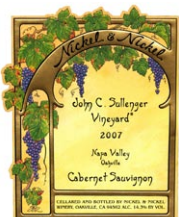
While the dark-toned fruit is round and supple, this wine's structure holds it tight and firm; a juicy cherry flavor lasts with a fine tobacco scent. A pure Napa Valley cabernet, this grows in a prime hillside block at Far Niente's vineyard on the benchlands of western Oakville. *Nickel & Nickel Winery, Oakville, CA*



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2007 Yountville Napa Valley State Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

Showing the cool tone of cabernet grown under the influence of the San Pablo Bay, this is a wine of firm cherry richness and muscular tannin. There's a gravelly, soil character to the tannin and tart freshness to the fruit. Give this several years to mellow, then decant for roast lamb. *Nickel & Nickel Winery, Oakville, CA*



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2007 Oakville Napa Valley John C. Sullenger Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

From the vineyard surrounding the Nickel & Nickel winery in Oakville, this grows on the valley floor just north of the Oakville Crossroad and east of 29. It's a floral cabernet with scents of roses and hints of green. The cherry flavors fill out a fleshy texture, while tart, sanguine tannins provide a touch of bitterness to balance the fruit. This needs several years in the cellar to meld. *Nickel & Nickel Winery, Oakville, CA*