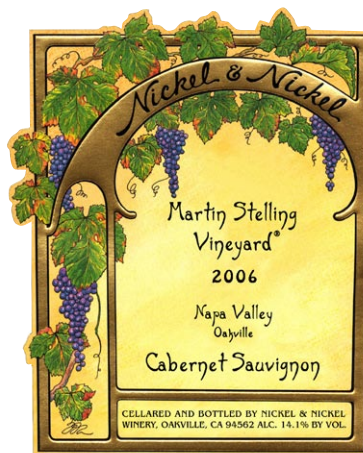


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2006 Oakville Napa Valley Martin Stelling Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Far Niente lends two acres of its 100-acre Stelling Vineyard to Nickel & Nickel for this wine. The vines are in the hills of western Oakville, planted on volcanic loam over clay and gravel, one of the sweet spots for cabernet in the Napa Valley. This 2006 is seamless, a bright cassis-scented cabernet with zesty, youthful energy lifting it out of the substantial tannins. But even the tannins are lovely and rich, fine grained so they feel like silk. Supple and compelling now, this will age with grace. *Nickel & Nickel Winery, Oakville, CA*