

# WINE ENTHUSIAST

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California

## GREAT 2001 CABERNET SAUVIGNONS AND BLENDS



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NICKEL & NICKEL, 2001 JOHN C. SULLENGER VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON (OAKVILLE)

A stunning Cabernet, rich, pure and powerful. Blackberries, currants, oak and sweet fresh herbs flood the palate. It's a tannic wine, with a hard-edged mouthfeel, but the tannins are so sweet, it's tempting to uncork now. Drink right away or age for 10 years and let it develop magic.



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NICKEL & NICKEL, 2001 ROCK CAIRN VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON (OAKVILLE)

A great Cabernet—the only question is whether to consume it now or later. In favor of now are the rich currant, dark chocolate and oak flavors, ripe sweet tannins and overall balance. But it's a big, masculine wine that will easily soften and improve over the decade.



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NICKEL & NICKEL, 2001 STELLING VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON (OAKVILLE)

Impresses with its opulence and decadence. Soft, almost too soft, in texture, with velvety, melted fudge mouthfeel it carries flavors of chocolate, vanilla, blackberry, cassis, spices and smoky oak across the palate through a long finish.



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NICKEL & NICKEL, 2001 VOGT VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON (HOWELL MOUNTAIN)

This is a wine to lay away, to judge by the hard tannins that dominate it. But so strong is the heart of fruit that the flavors burst through the straightjacket. They flood the palate with amazingly dense black currant, cherry and dark chocolate fruit that last through a long finish. As tough as it is now, it will develop gracefully for many years.