

WINE ENTHUSIAST

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93 Nickel & Nickel, 2001 Suscol Ranch Merlot (Napa Valley)

A gorgeously crafted Merlot that shows big time fruit along the lines of blackberries, cherries, cassis, coffee and sweet green olives, but is remarkably balanced and self-possessed. Fully dry, it's also well oaked. Showcases the terroir of its vineyard and the capability of its wine making.



93 Nickel & Nickel, 2001 Sori Bricco Vineyard Merlot (Diamond Mountain)

An amazingly dense and concentrated mountain wine, young and plucky in youthful tannins and acidity and a guaranteed cellar candidate. It's tough and gritty now, but there's a powerful undertow of black currant and cherry fruit that will carry it easily for years. *Cellar Selection*



93 Nickel & Nickel, 2001 Harris Vineyard Merlot (Oakville)

This intense and concentrated wine shows a youthful precocity, but it also has the balance and stuffing to age gracefully. The cassis, cherry, smoky oak, mocha and mint flavors are generous, and the tannins are notable but negotiable. Drink now and through the decade.