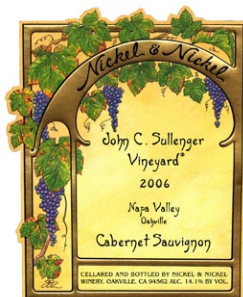




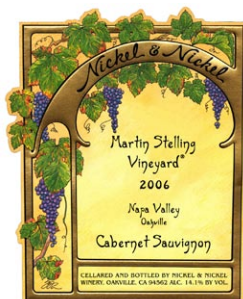
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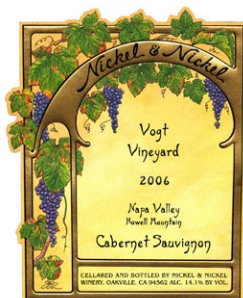
93 Nickel & Nickel 2006 John C. Sullenger Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Oakville);

Shows classic Oakville tannins that are big, ripe, and intricate, but hard, entirely opposite to the softness of the modern cult style. The fruit suggests blackberries and cassis, enriched with smoky-sweet, spicy oak. It's a beautifully structured, dry and elegant 100% Cabernet... *Cellar Selection.* —S.H.



93 Nickel & Nickel 2006 Martin Stelling Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Oakville);

An enormously rich, extracted Cabernet, with dramatically layered blackberry, black currant and dark chocolate flavors, liberally accented with smoky new oak. The wine finishes bone dry, with considerable tannic astringency. *Cellar Selection.* —S.H.



93 Nickel & Nickel 2006 Vogt Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Howell Mountain);

This densely structured wine is so dry and tannic the palate just puckers up into resistance. Buried deep down are massive and properly proportioned flavors of blackberries, black currants, dark unsweetened chocolate and smoky new oak. This intense 100% Cabernet should begin to blossom by 2012 and last for many years. *Cellar Selection.* —S.H.



92 Nickel & Nickel 2006 State Lane Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon (Yountville);

Dark as midnight and very tannic and dry, this 100% Cabernet is somewhat forbidding in its turbulent youth. It's very astringent and chewy, and the palate has to work to bite through to the core of blackberries, black cherries and cassis. Has all the hallmarks of a wine that will benefit from extended aging. *Cellar Selection.* —S.H.