

THE WINE NEWS

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Cabernet & Blends

92 Nickel & Nickel, 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon
Dragonfly Vineyard, St. Helena, Napa Valley

Meaty aromas of blackberry, dust, mocha and lots of earth. Minerally flavors of cherry, coffee and cola. Hearty close shows the wine's excellent balance.

92 Nickel & Nickel, 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon
Stelling Vineyard, Oakville, Napa Valley

Intriguing combination of tar-y and floral nuances frame aromas of plum, root beer and lanolin. Flavors of blueberry, cherry and chocolate are sweeter than suggested by the nose. Vibrant close.

92 Nickel & Nickel, 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon
Vogt Vineyard, Howell Mt, Napa Valley

Wonderfully warm aromas of blueberry, plum, tobacco and espresso show just a touch of herbs. Concentrated, exotic flavors of cherry, graphite, minerals and bittersweet chocolate. Lasting finish has a prickly, youthful edge.