



Branding Iron Vineyard *Cabernet Sauvignon*

Vineyard Description Named for the branding iron owned by the proprietor, the eight-and-a-half-acre Branding Iron Vineyard lies in western Oakville close to the base of the Mayacamas Mountains. The vineyard is comprised of well-drained clay loam and the vines are vertically trellised to maximize sunlight and open the canopy. The area's warm climate and sun exposure in both the morning and afternoon is perfect for slowly ripening the fruit, which often benefits from a long hang time.

Appellation Oakville (Napa Valley)

Year Planted 1998

Varietal Cabernet Sauvignon

Acreage 8.5 acres

Clone & Rootstock Cabernet Sauvignon clone 7 on the 3309C rootstock

Trellising Vertical shoot positioning (VSP)

Geology This vineyard is planted on a large alluvial fan that extends from the Mayacamas Mountains, across the Branding Iron Vineyard, into Harris Vineyard, and reaches all the way to the western edge of the Rock Cairn Vineyard. The vineyard is composed of well-drained clay loam from the Perkins soil series that is formed from alluvial fans depositing eroded igneous rock.

Tasting Notes Round and polished, Branding Iron Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a mouthful of cherry and cranberry fruit mixed with notes of dried herb and tea. Toasted oak fills the middle palate with notes of spice and smoke, while the soft tannins finish with harmony and grace.