



Carpenter Vineyard *Cabernet Sauvignon*

Vineyard Description Carpenter Vineyard is located in Coombsville, an area just east of the city of Napa. Nickel & Nickel's eight-acre block is comprised of deep, gravelly loam, and the climate is notable for its morning fog and cooler-than-average daytime temperatures. These cooler conditions and west-northwest exposure allow slow ripening and long "hang time," which helps develop tannin maturity. This is one of the last Nickel & Nickel vineyards to be harvested each year.

Appellation Napa Valley

Year Planted 1999

Varietal Cabernet Sauvignon

Acreage 8 acres

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

Trellising Vertical shoot positioning (VSP)

Geology The cup-and-saucer-shaped area where this vineyard exists is believed to be the remnant of a volcano that collapsed inward, forming a circular depression and the horseshoe-shaped ridge that surrounds the area. The soils in this vineyard contain volcanic rock and ash, which, when exposed to high pressure underground, form a heavy clay material.

Tasting Notes Very similar in profile to hillside fruit, aromas of cassis, tea and herb meld into currant, tobacco and dark chocolate notes with a chewy middle palate supported by firm, rich tannins. This tight core of fruit surrounded by fleshy tannins is the signature of the vineyard.