



Tench Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard Description The 43-acre Tench Vineyard is situated on the eastern edge of Oakville along the Silverado Trail. The area's red, rocky soils of clay and volcanic rock have produced many famous Napa Valley Cabernets. Nickel & Nickel produces Cabernet from just nine acres of this late-ripening vineyard with northwest exposure. The grapes rapidly develop color and flavor as temperatures rise and harvest approaches.

Appellation Oakville (Napa Valley)

Year Planted 1973

Varietal Cabernet Sauvignon

Acreage 9 acres

Clone & Rootstock Cabernet Sauvignon See clone on St. George rootstock

Trellising Head-trained

Geology The Tench Vineyard is planted on bedrock in "soil" that is actually comprised of weathered and broken bedrock. The area where the vineyard is planted was created several thousand years ago when a slow-moving landslide occurred in the Vaca Mountains, to the east.

Tasting Notes Inviting aromas of violets and cassis open to deep, dark flavors of blueberry and boysenberry jam, bay leaf and spicy oak. The rich texture is layered with sweet oak and integrated tannins, and the wine carries the fruit from start to finish in a long, supple progression.