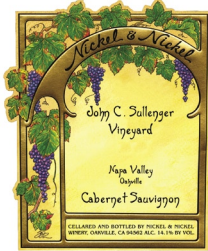


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Single Vineyard Wines

JOHN C. SULLENGER VINEYARD® CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
2005

*technical notes:* **APPELLATION:** Oakville, Napa Valley

**HARVEST DATES:** October 13 -  
November 1, 2005



**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**SKIN CONTACT:** 9 - 16 days

**AGING:** French oak barrels  
(45% new, 55% once-used)

**TIME:** 16 months

**RELEASE DATE:** September 2008

**FIRST VINTAGE:** 1997

*vineyard description:* The home vineyard of Nickel & Nickel, Sullenger Vineyard is situated behind the winery in the heart of Oakville and is named for John C. Sullenger, who settled the farmstead in the 1880's. The vineyard's 30 acres of clay loam soil are planted exclusively to Cabernet Sauvignon.

*harvest notes:* The 2005 growing season was two weeks behind 2004, with budbreak in late March and bloom in late May. Conditions were ideal during bloom and the vineyard had a good set, which resulted in a bit more fruit than last year. The new planting, which consists of about half of the vineyard, produced fruit for the first time this year. This vineyard is on a cordon system and we dropped the crop back to one cluster per shoot to maintain optimum quality. The summer months were very moderate and we didn't get the few heat waves that really bump up the sugars. The little bit of heat in late September and early October quickly ripened the young block, while the older vines needed the extra hang time to fully develop the tannins.

*sensory evaluation:* The 2005 Sullenger Vineyard Cabernet is beautifully perfumed with aromas of dark fruits. Cherry and black cherry fruits are layered with sweet herb, spice and cedar from the oak. The most compelling element of this wine is its great middle texture. Dark and dense, the flavors expand on the middle palate with sweet, chewy tannins, resulting in a long, delicious finish.

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