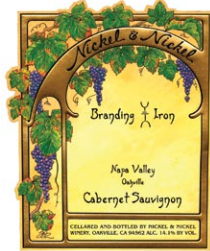


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BRANDING IRON VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2007

technical notes:



APPELLATION: Oakville, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES: September 26 -
October 3, 2007

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SKIN CONTACT: 13 days

AGING: French oak barrels
(43% new, 57% once-used)

TIME: 17 months

RELEASE DATE: September 2010

FIRST VINTAGE: 2000

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.

harvest notes:

The 2007 growing season began after a winter with low rainfall. The warmth in the soils brought budbreak in early April and bloom in mid-May. A new block of Cabernet came online this year and the vineyard looked good. The deep loam soils that are part of the alluvial fans on the west side of Oakville have always allowed Branding Iron to grow well-balanced, moderate sized vines. In drier years such as 2007, the moderate crop and deeper soils allowed the tannins to fully develop as the darker and riper fruit flavors became more concentrated.

sensory evaluation:

The 2007 Branding Iron Cabernet Sauvignon displays forward bright, clear and ripe black cherry aromas. There is a sense of juiciness to the wine upon entry. The softness is carried by the wine's classic structure as it continues to gain in presence and depth while moving back on the palate. The tremendous length and layering of flavors is a quality that we associate with this and other west Oakville vineyards.

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