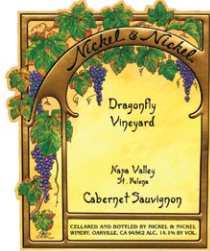


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DRAGONFLY VINEYARD® CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
2007

*technical notes:* **APPELLATION:** St. Helena, Napa Valley      **HARVEST DATES:** September 13-18, 2007



**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon      **SKIN CONTACT:** 12-14 days

**AGING:** French oak barrels  
(45% new, 55% once-used)      **TIME:** 16 months

**RELEASE DATE:** September 2010      **FIRST VINTAGE:** 1999

*vineyard description:* The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a “banana belt” microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site’s deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

*harvest notes:* The 2007 growing season began after a winter with low rainfall. The vineyards enjoyed moderate growth and near ideal light penetration to the clusters. While we always thin early in the season, there was less need for removing laterals. The critical period of bloom occurred in a short window in May leading to the promise of greater uniformity for veraison and harvest. We selectively thinned the crop when it was almost completely through veraison. Two of the four rootstocks ripened more quickly this year and those were picked five days before the others to ensure harvesting at the peak of flavor.

*sensory evaluation:* The 2007 Dragonfly Cabernet Sauvignon marries loganberry and strawberry aromas with hints of wild strawberry perfume. The floral notes hint at the elegance that this vineyard always delivers. The red fruit offers a silky entrance that expands and coats the palate with warmth and gentleness. The tannins are seamless and melt leaving an impression of grace that is as much about texture as about expression of flavor.

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