

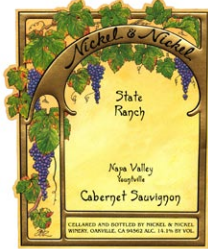
Nickel & Nickel
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Single Vineyard Wines

STATE RANCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2007

technical notes:

APPELLATION: Yountville, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: October 11 - 15, 2007



VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SKIN CONTACT: 11 - 13 days

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

TIME: 17 months

RELEASE DATE: September 2010

FIRST VINTAGE: 2006

vineyard description:

State Ranch is located northeast of the town of Yountville. The 23-acre vineyard is divided into two parcels by State Lane Road and consists of both older and younger vines. Many excellent wines are produced from this area, in part due to the rocky, loam soil which has excellent drainage throughout the year. The vines, as well as the clusters, are moderate in size and the vineyard gets full sun throughout the day. As the young vines mature, we will be harvesting many different clones to make the final wine. Nickel & Nickel selects fruit from 11 acres of the vineyard.

harvest notes:

The 2007 growing season followed a winter with low rainfall. The vineyards enjoyed moderate growth and near ideal light penetration to the clusters. The critical period of bloom occurred in a short window in May leading to the promise of greater uniformity for veraison and harvest. The gravel, clay and loam soil of State Ranch offered enough water capacity to keep the vines balanced in this dry year, while allowing the fruit to fully ripen. The two different clones that were added this year developed distinctly different expressions of this outstanding site and contributed to the overall complexity of the wine.

sensory evaluation:

The 2007 State Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of black cherry and loganberry that are enticing, but it is the velvety palate and the juiciness of this wine that seems to define the vineyard. There is softness and a thickness to the texture that is pure enjoyment that carries through to an extremely long finish.

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