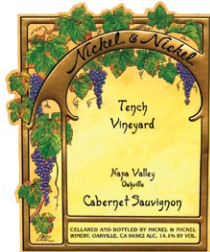


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Single Vineyard Wines

TENCH VINEYARD® CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2007

technical notes:



APPELLATION: Oakville, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: September 11, 2007

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SKIN CONTACT: 11 - 15 days

AGING: French oak barrels
(44% new, 56% once-used)

TIME: 16 months

RELEASE DATE: September 2010

FIRST VINTAGE: 1999

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.

harvest notes:

The 2007 growing season began after a dry winter and the soils warmed up early to allow budbreak in the first part of April. Bloom occurred in mid-May and the vineyard set a normal crop. The summer months were very moderate and we opened the canopy and dropped a little fruit to increase flavor development. The distinctive red, rocky soils of Tench provide great drainage. The vineyard's western exposure captures the afternoon heat, which radiates well into the evening, making it one of the first vineyards that Nickel & Nickel harvests each year. After a warm Labor Day weekend, we picked this vineyard on our second day of harvest in early September.

sensory evaluation:

The 2007 Tench Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon displays dark berry flavors with a hint of blueberry that helps define this vineyard's special terroir. The wine offers a juicy entry that coats the palate as the flavors and texture, complemented by the restrained toasty oak, continue to build. Ultimately, the tannins seem to dissolve leaving an impression of complete integration that leads to a long, lingering finish.

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