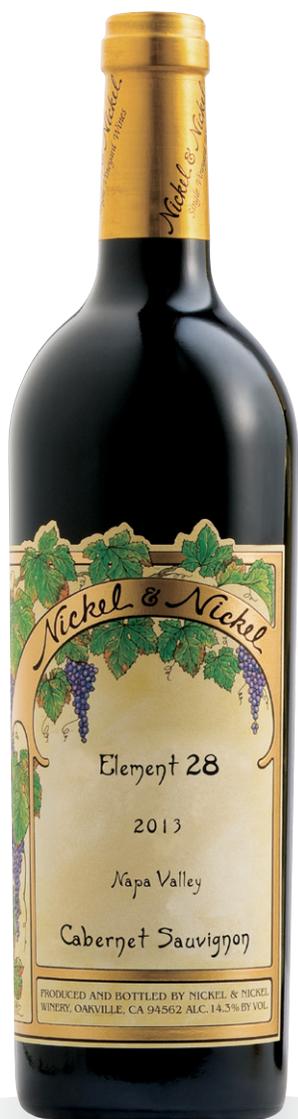




## 2013 ELEMENT 28

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Element 28 is named after the owner of the vineyard, Erik Nickel, who ingeniously came up with the name Element 28, which is “nickel” on the periodic table. Located high in the hills across from Lake Henessey, this vineyard has a nice western exposure, comprised of shallow, gravelly loam soils which produce small vines with loose clusters and small berries. Three different clones offer a variety of concentrated fruit flavors that are hallmarks of this hillside vineyard.

### HARVEST NOTES

Similar to 2012, warm days and cool, foggy nights prevailed, offering the near perfect growing conditions for fruit and tannin maturity. The season began about 10 days ahead of last year and, due to vine maturity, the crop load was slightly larger. Afternoon exposure in this vineyard encouraged excellent flavor development, but we allowed the fruit to hang longer for the tannins to resolve. This vineyard was handpicked in mid-October and fermented only in one tank due to its limited volume.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2013 Element 28 Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the best qualities of a hillside wine. A beautiful bouquet of blueberries and cassis precede a palate filled with a medley of boysenberries, violets, earth, stone and cedar. This is a big, juicy wine with astounding fruit and depth of flavor, perfectly in balance with a firm core. This wine needs some time to resolve, but is certain to be a showstopper for many years to come.

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### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(50% new, 50% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

September 2016

### HARVEST DATE

October 8, 2013

### SKIN CONTACT

9 days

### TIME

17 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2012