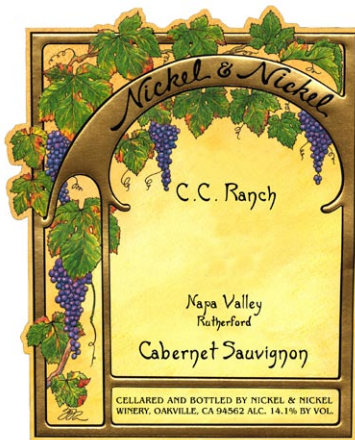




C.C. RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

YEAR PLANTED

2000, 2001, 2002 and 2005

VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

ACREAGE

15 acres

CLONE & ROOTSTOCK

Six Cabernet Sauvignon clones: 4, 7, 8, 15, 337 and 685 on the 101-14 and 3309C rootstocks

TRELLISING

Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP)

GEOLOGY

C.C. Ranch is planted on a fine, well-drained, gravelly loam soil made up of a combination of the Bale, Cole and Yolo soil series. The soil in Nickel & Nickel's blocks is slightly sloped toward the west, and is a bit rocky, adding to the site's drainage.

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

C.C. Ranch is planted in Rutherford, along the slope of a knoll west of the Silverado Trail. The vineyard grows classic Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon on well-drained, gravelly loam soil and receives a variety of exposures, depending on the block and location. The vines are well balanced and the canopy is opened up to give good light exposure. Nickel & Nickel produces wine from 15 select acres of this 115-acre vineyard.

TASTING NOTES

C.C. Ranch has a unique combination of floral and fruit. The plush black cherry flavors offer a nice sweetness to this wine, enhanced by the floral characteristics that naturally come from the vineyard. The distinctive "Rutherford Dust," combined with the spice and toast from the oak, deepens the wine's flavor and complexity. Smooth and rich, this wine expands on the middle palate, and the soft tannins that are associated with the Rutherford appellation melt away into a long, harmonious finish.