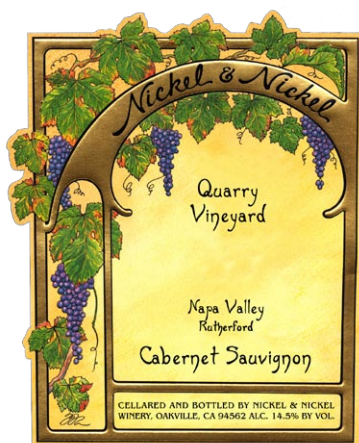




QUARRY VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

YEAR PLANTED

1995 and 1996

VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

ACREAGE

11.27 acres

CLONE & ROOTSTOCK

Block 1 carries clone 8 on the 3309 and 110R rootstocks; Blocks 2A and 2B carry clone 8 on 1103P rootstock

TRELLISING

Vertical Shoot Position (VSP)

GEOLOGY

The vineyard is planted on gentle rolling hills that are made up of well drained loam soils that produce moderately sized vines. The base material is comprised predominately of rhyolite, a volcanic rock. Blocks 2A and 2B are more typical of a hillside vineyard, and are planted in much shallower soils. This helps limit vine vigor and results in fruit with more concentrated flavors.

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The 25-acre Quarry Vineyard climbs the slopes above the Silverado Trail on the east side of Rutherford. The name comes from the old quarry that was the source of a white rock used in the ghost winery that still stands beside the vineyard. Nickel & Nickel makes wine from three distinct hillside blocks, totaling about 11 acres, each experiencing its own unique soil and exposure. The white, rocky loam soils are well drained, and the vines are of moderate vigor. Cluster and berry size varies from block to block, but all are small to moderate. This vineyard has full exposure to the afternoon sun.

TASTING NOTES

Multiple layers of ripe fruit blend nicely with an array of earth, herb, tobacco and char. This wine has an incredible texture, which is soft, yet thick, from front to finish. The French oak adds sweetness and cigar-like qualities, while the fruit persists on velvet tannins into a long, supple finish.