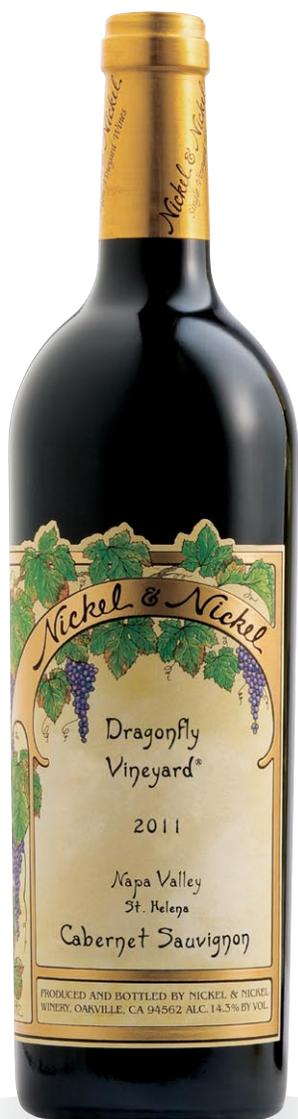




2011 DRAGONFLY VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a “banana belt” microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site’s deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

HARVEST NOTES

In 2011, cloud cover in the winter and early spring delayed the year’s growing season, but above average rainfall filled the reservoirs. Bloom this year occurred in June, which is the latest on record. We farmed the vineyard as we normally do, opening up the canopy to offer speckled light without exposing the fruit to sunburn. A cool summer without any real heat spikes offered a slow ripening period, and the fruit looked beautiful on the vines. Without the extra heat, sugar levels remained low and we harvested the entire vineyard in mid-October when flavor and tannin development were at their peak.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2011 Dragonfly Vineyard Cabernet is a polished expression of this vineyard with aromas and flavors of strawberry, berry, herb and spice. A blanket of vanilla and toasty oak melts on the palate and integrates beautifully with the fruit. The texture is silky from start to finish and can easily be enjoyed upon release.

APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

September 2014

HARVEST DATE

October 14, 2011

SKIN CONTACT

12 - 15 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997