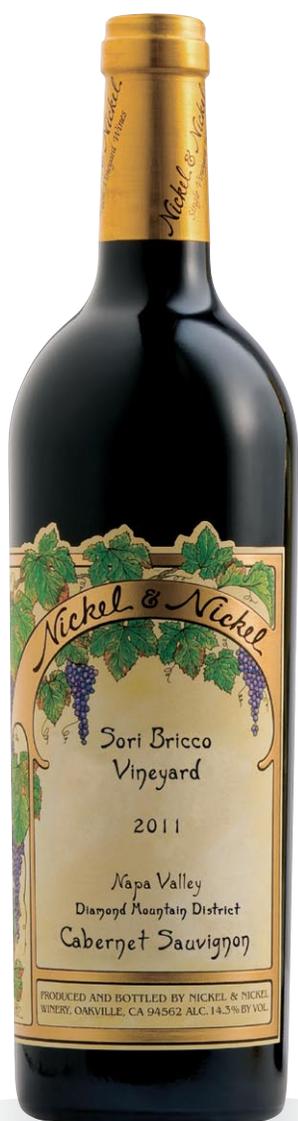




## 2011 SORI BRICCO VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

High in the hills of Diamond Mountain, Sori Bricco spans a wide range of hillsides with different sun exposures resulting in separate harvest dates across the ranch. The soil is composed of a sandy, gravelly loam and the vines tend to be very small as they struggle against the slopes. The climate is very warm in the early spring and these vines are among the first to bud each year. The warm summer months produce nice, juicy flavors, while the cooler nights offer long hang time to gain tannin maturity each season. Nickel & Nickel produces wine from about six acres of this 25-acre vineyard.

### 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 occurred in mid-June, and these young vines produced a low yield. 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

This first release of the 2011 Sori Bricco Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is exactly what one would expect from Napa Valley's Diamond Mountain District. This powerful wine opens with aromas of plum and white flowers. Plum flavors are mirrored upon entry, with notes of tobacco and cedar enhanced by a distinct minerality. Rich, briary fruit is paired nicely with the toasty French oak, adding warmth to the middle palate. The tannins from this vintage are full bodied, rich and supple, which promises increasing complexity with a few years of bottle aging.

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### APPELLATION

Diamond Mountain District,  
Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(45% new, 55% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

September 2014

### HARVEST DATE

October 17, 2011

### SKIN CONTACT

6 days

### TIME

17 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2011

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