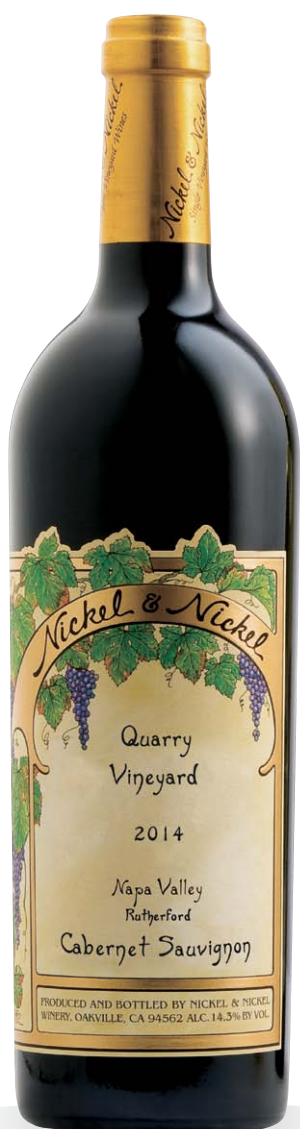




2014 QUARRY VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



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. Three distinct hillside blocks, each experiencing its own unique soil and exposure, are harvested from this vineyard. 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.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2014 growing season was beautiful with an ideal spring that led to a classic budbreak and bloom. Despite low rainfall, vineyard canopies were healthy and clusters were full. Moderate summer temperatures were ideal for ripening the fruit and only minimal leafing was required. This vineyard tends to need more hang time, so we patiently waited until late September to harvest the fruit. We farm three blocks, each with different exposures. We harvested each block separately over the course of two weeks and fermented them differently to bring out each block's unique flavors.

SENSORY EVALUATION

An exotic combination of earthy notes and jammy fruits gives our 2014 Quarry Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon a remarkable Rutherford expression. This wine has a deep bouquet of black cherry, green olive, mineral and earth. A medley of plum and cherry fruits mingle with olive, herb and black tea. Dark fruit and charred oak accentuate these flavors and rich, coating tannins carry the wine into an expansive finish.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(54% new, 46% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2017

HARVEST DATES

September 29 - October 13, 2014

SKIN CONTACT

10 - 11 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2006