



2015 JOHN C. SULLENGER VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The home vineyard of Nickel & Nickel, Sullenger Vineyard is situated behind the winery in the heart of Oakville and is named for John C. Sullenger, who settled the farmstead in the 1880's. The vineyard's 30 acres of clay loam soil are planted exclusively to Cabernet Sauvignon, with 2 rootstocks and a few different clones which each add a unique element to the resulting wine.

HARVEST NOTES

Budbreak in our home vineyard came about seven days earlier than normal. We saw bloom in May followed by a small fruit set. The summer months were moderate and the fruit ripened quickly, with beautifully concentrated fruit flavors. Our younger vines were the first to be harvested in mid-September with our older blocks coming in a week later. We used both open and closed top fermenters to capture the intensity and rich color of the vintage.

SENSORY EVALUATION

With its floral aromas mixed with plum and olive, the 2015 John C. Sullenger Cabernet Sauvignon blends juicy and savory notes into an impossible-to-resist perfume. On the palate, dark flavors of black cherry, tobacco, anise and toast are accentuated by a lively yet balanced acidity. These flavors are carried by a rich core of tannins that build on the middle palate, carrying the fruit into a long finish.

APPELLATION

Oakville, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(47% new, 53% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

August 2018

HARVEST DATES

September 14–24, 2015

SKIN CONTACT

11–14 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997