



2016 C.C. RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

C.C. Ranch is planted in Rutherford, along the slope of a knoll west of the Silverado Trail. The vineyard grows classic Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon on well-drained, gravelly loam soil and receives a variety of exposures, depending on the block and location. The vines are well balanced and the canopy is opened up to give good light exposure. Nickel & Nickel produces wine from 15 select acres of this 115-acre vineyard.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 growing season proceeded as usual for Napa Valley with a nice spring that led to a warm summer. Budbreak was about five days later than last year and this trend continued throughout the season. Slightly cooler weather in May lengthened the bloom window but warm summer days in June and July helped the vines catch up to normal. The crop looked good with clusters that had a nice leaf coverage allowing for speckled light. August brought both cool and hot weather, so we kept a close eye on each block.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2016 CC Ranch Cabernet opens with a harmonious blend of delicate floral and potpourri notes alongside aromas of ripe cherry, plum, and dried herbs. The entry is bright and lively, loaded with spicy red berry flavors and warm, seductive notes of tobacco leaf. The bright, lingering finish is both refreshing and youthful, while firm tannins suggest the wine will only grow more nuanced with extended aging.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

April 2019

HARVEST DATES

September 16 – October 1, 2016

SKIN CONTACT

15 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2005