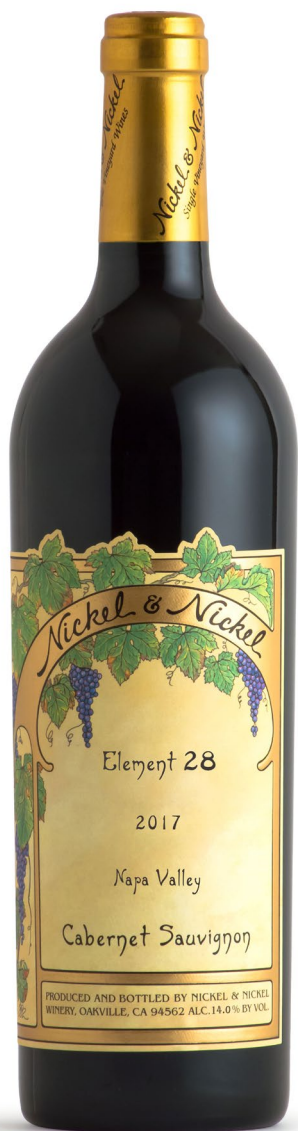




2017 ELEMENT 28

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Element 28 is named after the owner of the vineyard, Erik Nickel, who ingeniously came up with the name Element 28, which is “nickel” on the periodic table. Located high in the hills across from Lake Henessey, this vineyard has a nice western exposure, comprised of shallow, gravelly loam soils which produce small vines with loose clusters and small berries. Three different clones offer a variety of concentrated fruit flavors that are hallmarks of this hillside vineyard.

HARVEST NOTES

The year began with a cold and much-needed wet winter, followed by a mild spring. April showers following budbreak resulted in hearty vine growth that only accelerated with the summer sun. The vineyards enjoyed a brief cooling period in August before a final heat spike over Labor Day weekend. The cool weather that immediately followed gave our fruit additional hang-time on the vine continuing phenolic development.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2017 Element 28 Cabernet Sauvignon presents ample amounts of plum and blackberry fruits, surrounded by notes of clove, vanilla and cardamom. Delicious boysenberry and blackberry fruit flavors are supported by a firm core of tannin. Soft stony-mineral notes add dimension to this wine that suggest this is an age-worthy wine.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

November 2019

HARVEST DATE

October 6, 2017

SKIN CONTACT

10 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2012