94 Nickel & Nickel 2017 C.C. Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon (Rutherford). This is a savory, textured wine from a ranch off the Silverado Trail in the heart of the appellation. It sings in cedar, dried herb and sage, with an inviting, earthy nose. The grippy palate develops to show smooth integration of tannin and oak, with a lasting note of tobacco leaf on the finish. —V.B.

93 Nickel & Nickel 2017 Hayne Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (St. Helena). From a stellar site on Napa Valley’s western edges beneath the Mayacamas Mountains, this Cabernet is tight and firm in tannins, with tangy red cherry and cassis lifting it up. Smooth on the palate, it is complex and delightfully inviting, offering an intriguing mix of dried herb and exotic spice. Editors’ Choice. —V.B.

90 Nickel & Nickel 2017 State Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon (Yountville). From a site planted to both older and younger vines, this is a juicy, tannic and chalky wine, textured in oak and tannin. Red and black cherry highlight a soft, supple midpalate that develops in the glass, lifted by black pepper and clove. —V.B.