2018 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
The 2018 growing season kicked off in late February and eased into a mild spring that gave us extended flowering and uniform clusters throughout the vineyard. Summer continued this even trend, with consistent temperatures allowing fruit to have beautiful, extended hang time. With no major heat spikes, we were able to patiently wait for every cluster to achieve perfect phenolic maturity. We began harvesting the Sullenger Vineyard on October 18, picking each block exactly when it was ready.

SENSORY EVALUATION
Beautiful red plum and raspberry aromas underscored by subtle spice and earth open onto layers of juicy red fruit flavors. Classic Oakville tannins support the full, round palate, while soft toasted oak and spice lift the long, seductive finish.

APPELLATION
Oakville, Napa Valley

VARIETAL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING
French oak barrels
(50% new, 50% once-used)

RELEASE DATE
September 2020

HARVEST DATES
October 18, 23 & 25, 2018

SKIN CONTACT
21 days

TIME
18 months

FIRST VINTAGE
1997