



## 2021 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

With very little winter rain, the 2021 growing season began under drought conditions. An equally dry spring punctuated with the windiest May in recent years brought us early budbreak and bloom. The summer months were mild with few heat spikes, allowing the vines to slowly ripen and yield small but intensely flavored grapes. An outstanding growing season for the vineyards, the closer we got to harvest, we continued to see excellent quality all around with the intensity of flavor observed in the vineyard continuing in the winery.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2021 C.C. Ranch exudes finesse from the very first swirl with lifted plum and floral aromatics opening onto a beautifully plush palate. Ripe raspberry and plum flavors are underscored by seductive spicy notes, with soft tannins gently supporting the wine from entry to completion. With fruit that grows brighter and fresher as the wine progresses to the finish, this Rutherford Cabernet is incredibly approachable now but will continue to age gracefully over time. a finish that lingers well after the last sip.

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### APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(55% new, 45% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

Fall 2023

### HARVEST DATES

September 17 - October 6, 2021

### SKIN CONTACT

21 days

### TIME

16 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2005