



2019 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 2019 growing season began with late spring rains during flowering and fruit set. Cover crops between the vines flourished, putting rich nutrients into our soils. Our fruit set itself was lighter than usual, resulting in exceptional concentration and retention of flavor and aromas in our clusters. Mild fall temperatures allowed fruit to mature fully, without being overly tannic nor overly ripe. 2019 was an excellent vintage overall that will continue to impress wine lovers and collectors for years to come.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2019 John C. Sullenger Cabernet Sauvignon is classic Napa Valley with aromas of blackberry and red plum and a touch of earthiness and spice. Upon entry, this wine seduces the palate with dark fruit flavors with notes of black licorice and black olive tapenade. Melting on the palate with a long, supple finish that is supported by beautiful velvet tannins throughout.

APPELLATION

Oakville, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

November 2021

HARVEST DATES

October 16, 22 & 24, 2019

SKIN CONTACT

18 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997