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Winemaker

Joe Harden

Wines

State Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon **Dogleg Vineyard** Cabernet Sauvignon Beatty Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon DeCarle Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Air Show Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon John C. Sullenger Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Martin Stelling Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Dragonfly Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Branding Iron Cabernet Sauvignon Bear Track Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Vaca Vista Cabernet Sauvignon Kenefick Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon C.C. Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon Hayne Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Element 28 Cabernet Sauvignon Truchard Vineyard Chardonnay

Nickel & Nickel Winery is a pioneer in the realm of single-vineyard, single-varietal winemaking in Napa Valley. The winery was founded by Oakville's Far Niente Winery in 1997 with the mission to elevate top-tier vineyards across Napa Valley. Each Nickel & Nickel wine is a celebration of place, expressing the distinct personality of each vineyard and its terroir. The winery produces single-vineyard bottlings of Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as select bottlings of Chardonnay across Napa's most coveted appellations including Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena, Howell Mountain, and Calistoga, among others.

Nickel & Nickel represents a distinct departure from the iconic Far Niente Winery, with its focus on single-vineyard sites exploring the endless nuances of Napa Valley's prime Cabernet Sauvignon terroirs. The Nickel & Nickel wines are crafted by dedicated winemaker, Joe Harden and his talented team. With a singular focus on producing 100-percent varietal, single-vineyard wines, Nickel & Nickel provides consumers with an in-depth opportunity to explore the individual characteristics of each vineyard site.

The process of selecting a site to produce a single-vineyard wine is of paramount importance. Every aspect of a vineyard must meet Nickel & Nickel's exacting standards, including the soil, rootstock, clonal selection, exposure, and farming practices. The viticulture team farms with precision, based on what is required for each site to achieve the purest expression of place. The process reveals how vineyards that are, in some cases less than a mile apart and growing the same varietal, may produce wines of a remarkably different character.

Nestled in the heart of Oakville, Nickel & Nickel is housed in the magnificently restored, 19th-century John C. Sullenger farmstead, and features a collection of classic barns along with the site's original farmhouse featuring charming Queen Anne-style details. Inside the historic property exists a cutting-edge, solar-powered winery capable of individually handcrafting Nickel & Nickel's single-vineyard wines. The winery follows an integrated program of sustainable measures affecting vineyard, winery and day-to-day business practices, taking every effort to steward its resources and contribute to the environmental well-being of the greater community.



With more than 25 years of experience producing renowned Cabernet Sauvignons, Nickel & Nickel remains steadfast in its mission to exclusively produce wines that offer the purest expressions of each vineyard.

About Far Niente Wine Estates

Far Niente Wine Estates is a family of California wineries linked by a joint mission: To produce world-class wines representative of their home vineyards and grape varieties. Built around Oakville's Far Niente Estate, originally established by John Benson in 1885, Far Niente Wine Estates is committed to elevating California's finest terroirs through precision winemaking and conscientious farming. Abandoned during Prohibition, the original Oakville estate was restored by the Nickel family, and resumed wine production in 1982. Preserving and expanding the Napa legacy that began on this land over 135 years ago inspired Far Niente Wine Estates to gradually expand in the Napa and Russian River Valleys. The family of wineries includes several Cabernet Sauvignon-focused wineries including single-vineyard Cabernet pioneer Nickel & Nickel; the blend-focused Bella Union estate in Rutherford; and Post and Beam, a winery inspired by the America's iconic post and beam barns, and dedicated to crafting equally long-lived, classic wines. Far Niente Wine Estates also includes EnRoute, a Russian River Valley estate devoted to world-class Pinot Noir; and Dolce, America's leading late-harvest dessert wine.





Joe Harden, Winemaker, Nickel & Nickel

Joe Harden is the winemaker at Nickel & Nickel, where he has dedicated his considerable Cabernet Sauvignon knowledge to making distinct, single-vineyard wines since 2018. His deep understanding of Cabernet Sauvignon and Napa Valley's nuanced terroirs has led Nickel & Nickel to multiple 95+ point scores from leading wine publications.

Born and raised on a vineyard in Lodi, Joe has been surrounded by the wine business since an early age. Before joining Nickel & Nickel, Joe served as winemaker at Robert Mondavi Vineyards, where he worked with some of Napa's most esteemed vineyards including the prestigious To Kalon site.

After graduating with a degree in viticulture and enology from UC Davis in 2011, Joe spent a year playing professional basketball for the Ballarat Miners in Melbourne, Australia and NBA D League warriors in California before returning to wine full-time. His all-time favorite wine pairing is oysters and Chablis.