



## 2015 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

This vineyard's entire growing cycle tends to be early, so we were watching the blocks closely to see what the season would bring. Cross-arm trellising helped spread the canopy and provide protection for the fruit, allowing for speckled light. The summer months were moderate yet the lighter fruit load ripened quickly. We picked this vineyard on our first day of harvest, then continued to harvest the other five blocks over the next seven days. The various clones in this vineyard offer different flavors that ultimately come together to make this wine's superior expression.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2015 C.C. Ranch pushes the edge of ripeness yet retains the juiciness one expects from the Rutherford AVA. Concentrated red raspberry and cherry flavors blend beautifully with subtle notes of baking spice and dust. The oak is in harmony with the fruit, adding yet another dimension, while a balanced acidity livens the wine. Resolved but present tannins will allow this elegant Cabernet to cellar beautifully for many years to come.

### APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(52% new, 48% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

August 2018

### HARVEST DATES

September 3–10, 2015

### SKIN CONTACT

11–14 days

### TIME

17 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2005