



## 2021 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

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 John C. Sullenger Cabernet Sauvignon possesses beautiful red plum and raspberry aromas that are underscored by subtle spice and earthy notes opening 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  
(55% new, 45% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

Fall 2023

### HARVEST DATES

October 1 – 13, 2021

### SKIN CONTACT

22 days

### TIME

16 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

1997