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