

## 2019 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

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 vintage of C.C. Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of plum and boysenberry, complemented by floral herbal notes to create a nose that is layered and intriguing. A creamy mouthfeel, this wine is both generous and giving on the palate with a texture that demonstrates immense weight and depth. Ripe raspberry and plum flavors are underscored by seductive spicy notes, with soft tannins gently supporting the wine from entry to completion.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

November 2021

HARVEST DATES

September 24-25

& October 7th, 2019

SKIN CONTACT

22 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2005