



CLUB 70
4th Quarter 2019 - December

Nickel & Nickel Branding Iron Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Retail - \$125

Named for the branding iron owned by the proprietor, the eight-and-a-half acre Branding Iron Vineyard lies in western Oakville, close to the base of the Mayacamas Mountains. The vineyard is comprised of well-drained clay loam and the vines are vertically trellised to maximize sunlight and open the canopy. The area's warm climate and sun exposure in both the morning and afternoon is perfect for slowly ripening the fruit, which often benefits from a long hang time.

Winery Notes: With its bright red fruit and floral aromas complemented by a bouquet of clove, anise and cardamine, the 2016 Branding Iron Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon offers a beautiful balance of fresh fruit and spice. Upon entry, the wine is plush and elegant, offering hints of red berries and minerality, along with notes of warm toasted oak that add depth and length to the finish

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Schramsberg 2012 Brut Rosé 1.5 L Retail - \$100

Schramsberg Brut Rosé is fruitful, complex and dry, making it both versatile with food and delicious by itself as an apéritif. The character of the wine is most strongly influenced by bright, flavorful Pinot Noir grown in Carneros, Anderson Valley, and the Sonoma and Marin coastal areas. A few small lots of Pinot Noir are fermented in contact with their skins to add depth and subtle color to this vibrant sparkling wine. Chardonnay gives spice, structure and length on the palate.

The 2012 Brut Rosé has generous aromas of mixed red berries, orange blossom, and white peach. Its fruitful nose is complemented by notes of shortcake and cream. The palate bursts with flavors of raspberry sorbet, lemon custard, and summer apricot. The wine has a fresh and juicy acidity which drives to a supple, round finish.

Composition: 77% Pinot Noir, 23% Chardonnay

Appellation: 52% Sonoma, 24% Marin, 16% Napa Valley, 8% Mendocino

Winemakers: Sean Thompson & Hugh Davies

Production: 933 cases

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