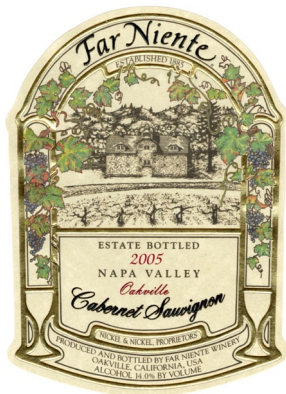


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tasters' choice selections



96 Far Niente, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville, Napa Valley

Deep ruby with a fuchsia rim. Aromas of new oak, plum, and ripe cherry display a kirsch-like intensity. Supple, accessible plum and blueberry fruit framed by well-integrated tannins. A flinty, mineral-like influence in the close balances and supports the generous fruit. A top-drawer California Cab that is showing quite well in its youth.