



## The Independent Consumer's Bimonthly Guide to Fine Wine

FAR NIENTE	2007	CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE	OAKVILLE	RED	93
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Far Niente's beautiful **2007 Chardonnay Estate** offers up copious aromas of lemon blossoms, poached pears, and brioche, crisp acidity, a hint of tropical fruits, a greenish-light gold color, and medium to full-bodied, elegant, pure flavors. It should drink well for 3-4 years.

Both vintages of Cabernet Sauvignon were very impressive. The **2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate** is a backward, dense purple-hued effort displaying plenty of licorice, black currant, smoke, and charcoal characteristics, along with full-bodied power, a layered, opulent mouthfeel, and moderate tannin in its youthful finish. It is capable of lasting 20 or more years.

The finest **Cabernet Sauvignon** I have ever tasted from Far Niente may be the **2007 Estate**. Its dense purple color is accompanied by fragrant aromatics of *crème de cassis*, spice box, underbrush, and forest floor. Voluptuously textured and full-bodied with superb purity and depth as well as a layered, complete finish, this terrific wine should be drinkable before the 2006, but age just as long (20-25+ years).