



**Far Niente, Napa Valley (California) Cabernet Sauvignon 2006:** Bigger and more forward than is typical of Far Niente, the '06 is a reflection of the long, cool growing season, with its long "hang time" and evolved flavors. Cassis and spice on the nose are the hook, followed by layers of blueberry and blackberry notes that are beautifully complemented by hints of mocha and black licorice. Tannins are firm but smooth, and the finish is a lingering time bomb of flavor. Definitely enjoyable now, but an excellent candidate for the cellar as well. **96 Robert Whitley** Oct 6, 2009