



Tours & Tastings

Founded in 1885, Far Niente was one of the Napa Valley's first gravity flow wineries and prospered until the onset of Prohibition in 1919. The winery was abandoned for 60 years, when Oklahomans Gil and Beth Nickel purchased the property and adjoining vineyard in 1979 and began a meticulous, three-year restoration, ultimately bringing winemaking back to the historic estate. For more than 25 years, Far Niente has focused on producing two ultra-premium, estate bottled wines of luxury and elegance according to the Far Niente house style: a Napa Valley Chardonnay and a Napa Valley, Oakville, Cabernet Sauvignon.

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Guided tours and tastings are offered several times each day, by appointment. Tours begin with a walk through the historic, tri-level winery, which is built into the surrounding hillside. Guests are then led through a portion of the 40,000 square-foot Far Niente wine aging caves, which were the first modern wine caves built in North America when excavation began in 1980. The tour concludes with a visit to the Carriage House, home to a fascinating collection of classic automobiles.

Tastings follow each tour and feature the current releases of Far Niente estate wines, including a Napa Valley Chardonnay and Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as carefully aged Chardonnay and Cabernet from the Far Niente Cave Collection. A seasonal cheese pairing is also featured. Each tasting ends with a taste of Dolce, the sumptuous, late harvest wine produced by Far Niente's sister winery, also called Dolce.

VISITORS

Far Niente is open to the public, by appointment.

HOURS

Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PRICE

Tour and tasting of five wines, including current release and library vintages, with a seasonal cheese pairing: \$50 per person.

Wine club members receive complimentary tours and tastings. Guests may sign up for the club at the winery, or online.

CONTACT

(707) 944-2861 or (800) FN-DOLCE

WINERY ADDRESS

1350 Acacia Drive, Oakville, CA 94562

[Directions to Winery](#)

PLEASE NOTE

The tour includes quite a bit of walking and stairs; please let us know ahead of time if you require assistance.

We cannot allow anyone under the age of 21, which includes infants and children. Likewise, we cannot allow pets.

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Driving directions...

From San Francisco via the Bay Bridge/Highway 80

Take Highway 80 East over the Bay Bridge, towards Sacramento. Remain on 80 East, cross the Carquinez Bridge and pay the bridge toll. Continue on 80 East to the Highway 37/Columbus Parkway exit in the city of Vallejo. Take 37 (towards San Rafael) for a few miles to Highway 29. Turn right (north) onto 29 and follow 29 north through the city of Napa and the town of Yountville. About 3 miles north of the Washington St. traffic light at Yountville, you will enter Oakville, a very small town, indicated by a green highway sign on the right side of the road. Almost immediately after that sign is another green highway sign on the right that says "Oakville Grade". Take the Oakville Grade. Turn left (west) on the Oakville Grade and travel 9/10th of one mile. Turn left onto a long driveway marked only by two tall pine trees on either side of the driveway, as well as a small wooden sign that says "1350/1360 Acacia Drive". (If you find Diamond Oaks Winery on the Oakville Grade, turn around -- you've gone too far.) Continue on Acacia Drive to our electric gate and follow instructions at the gate phone.

From San Francisco via the Golden Gate Bridge/Highway 101

From 101 North near the San Francisco Airport, follow signs to Golden Gate Bridge/Van Ness. Take Van Ness to Lombard. Turn left on Lombard and follow to the Golden Gate Bridge. After crossing the bridge, follow 101 North to the Highway 37 exit, and follow the signs to Napa. Follow 37 to the junction with Highway 121, which is marked by a stoplight. Turn left at light, which will place you on 121 and you will pass the Sears Point Raceway on your left. Take 121 to a three-way stop. Turn right at stop. This is now 121/12. Follow this to the junction with Highway 29, which is marked by a stoplight, where you may only turn left or right. Turn left to follow 29 North. Drive through Napa and Yountville, and follow the remaining directions above.

From Sacramento, Vacaville and Fairfield via Highway 80

Take Highway 80 West to Highway 12 and exit right, following signs to Napa. Follow Highway 12 to Highway 29 North. Turn right onto Highway 29 driving through the towns of Napa and Yountville, and follow remaining directions above.

From Sonoma via Highway 121/12

Take Highway 121/12 to Highway 29, which is marked by a stoplight, where you may only turn left or right. Turn left to follow 29 North. Drive through Napa and Yountville, and follow the remaining directions above.



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