



TOURS & TASTINGS AT FAR NIENTE

Founded by John Benson in 1885, Napa Valley's Far Niente winery prospered until the onset of Prohibition in 1919, when the winery ceased operation and the buildings and estate were abandoned. Sixty years later, in 1979, Gil and Beth Nickel purchased the old stone shell of a winery and spent three years restoring the building to its original, 19th century grandeur. During restoration the name, "Far Niente," which romantically translated means "without a care," was found carved in stone on the front of the building. Now on the National Register of Historic Places and 100 percent solar powered, Far Niente produces Napa Valley estate bottled Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon wines that are renowned for their consistent house style and ability to evolve with extended age. 2010 marks the 125th anniversary of Far Niente.

Far Niente, which is set among 13 acres of stunning gardens that feature the largest planting of southern azaleas in California, opened its historic gates in the spring of 2004 to public tours and tastings, by appointment.

Tours & Tastings

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 caves 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's estate wines, including a Napa Valley Chardonnay and Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as carefully aged Cabernets from the Far Niente Cave Collection. 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.

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Hours

Monday – Sunday: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Price

Tour and tasting of five wines: \$50 per person. Wine club members receive complimentary tours and tastings.

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