

# Wine Spectator

CHARDONNAY AND ZINFANDEL, MOSTLY FROM NAPA AND SONOMA, make this week's *Wine Spectator Insider* a treat for California wine lovers. Reviewed by James Laube, Tim Fish and MaryAnn Worobiec, the selections include many single-vineyard wines, and there is a wealth of successes from producers of high repute. Chief among them are Carlisle, Robert Biale, Hartford Family and Ridge for Zinfandel, and Peter Michael, Mount Eden, Paul Hobbs and Far Niente for Chardonnay.



## Far Niente

Chardonnay Napa Valley 2009

**92 points | 27,900 cases made | White**

The best Far Niente Chardonnay in some time. This delivers very complex aromas and flavors, with subtle tiers of ripe pear, honeydew melon, fig and apricot, as well as hints of toasty, vanilla-scented oak. -J.L.