



*Far Niente produces critically acclaimed, estate bottled Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon wines that are renowned for their consistent house style and ability to evolve with extended age.*



*The Napa Valley Wine Estate*

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# *Far Niente*

## *2000 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon*

### *Napa Valley*

#### *Vineyard Notes:*

Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon is grown primarily in our estate Stelling Vineyard, located behind the winery in Oakville. This 100-acre vineyard produces wines that exhibit the cassis, blackberry and “dusty” components typical of wines grown in the soils of western Oakville.

#### *Harvest Notes:*

The overall growing season for 2000 was very moderate. There were a couple of heat spikes during spring bloom followed by a relatively mild summer. Harvest started about one week later than usual, with the grapes coming in right before the weather turned unseasonably cool in October. Crop size returned to normal after the small harvest of 1999.

#### *Tasting Notes:*

The 2000 offers a perfume and bright raspberries up front with complementary layers of cassis and cedary oak. This vintage has produced a soft, supple wine with moderate tannins that will only become more velvety with further bottle aging.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Harvest Dates:	9/15 – 10/27/00
Varietals:	84% Cabernet Sauvignon 13% Merlot 3% Cabernet Franc
Skin Contact:	up to 37 days
Aging:	20 months in French oak (80% new)
Fermentation:	Typical for red wine
Release Date:	September 2003
Cases Produced:	15,200 cases

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