

# Far Niente



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE  
ESTABLISHED 1885



2000 FAR NIENTE ESTATE BOTTLED

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, OAKVILLE

### 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*

September 15,  
October 27, 2000

#### *Varietals*

84% Cabernet Sauvignon  
13% Merlot  
3% Cabernet Franc

#### *Skin Contact*

up to 37 days

#### *Aging*

20 months in French oak  
(80% new)

#### *Release Date*

April 2003

#### *Director of Winemaking*

Dirk Hampson

#### *Winemaker*

Stephanie Putnam