



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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2001 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

Vineyard Notes:

Far Niente's Cabernet Sauvignon is produced exclusively from grapes grown in the Oakville Viticultural Area of Napa Valley. Ninety percent of the grapes are from The Stelling Vineyard, our estate vineyard located behind the winery at the base of the western hills of Oakville. The remaining ten percent of the fruit comes from our Sullenger Vineyard and two other small estates in Oakville.

Harvest Notes:

The year started off with some of the worst spring frost the valley had seen in 20 years. Luckily, our Cabernet was not affected. The rest of the growing season was moderate, with a couple of heat spikes in May and July leading to a "hurry up and wait" harvest. Crush seemed like it was going to start early with a heat spell in late August, but then the weather changed and remained cool for about 2-3 weeks in mid-September. We waited through this cooler weather, bringing in most of our reds the last week of September and the first week of October, and were rewarded with a ripe and layered wine.

Tasting Notes:

Aromas of huckleberry, dark cocoa and chocolate are complemented by a touch of vanillin in the nose. Upon entry, this Cabernet is soft and lush, with a dense mid palate. Flavors of boysenberry and black fruits are supported by tannins that are chewy, yet smooth and lingering. There is a very long finish to this wine.

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| Appellation: | Oakville |
| Harvest Dates: | 9/30 – 10/13/01 |
| Varietals: | 93% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot |
| Skin Contact: | up to 34 days |
| Aging: | 20 months in French oak (95% new, 5% once-used) |
| Fermentation: | Typical for red wine |
| Release Date: | April 2004 |
| Cases Produced: | 8,080 cases |

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