

# Far Niente



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE  
ESTABLISHED 1885



2001 FAR NIENTE ESTATE BOTTLED

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, OAKVILLE

### 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.

#### *Appellation*

Oakville, Napa Valley

#### *Harvest Dates*

September 30,  
October 13, 2001

#### *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)

#### *Release Date*

April 2004

#### *Director of Winemaking*

Dirk Hampson

#### *Winemaker*

Stephanie Putnam