



Far Niente

1982 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

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.

While the traditional techniques of Bordeaux were used in the production of Far Niente's first Cabernet Sauvignon, we feel another important factor is The Stelling Vineyard, which is ideally situated for the growing of Cabernet. With Martha's Vineyard on one side and Mondavi's fine reserve blocks on the other, we are confident of the potential displayed by The Stelling Vineyard.

The 1982 growing season was excellent for Cabernet. It was a cool season, allowing gradual ripening so that we were able to have full fruit flavors without too much sugar.

The grapes were hand sorted at the winery prior to crushing. After the yeast inoculation, the tanks were pumped over frequently throughout the whole fermentation. We left the wine to macerate on the skins after the fermentation to increase its depth and roundness. The wine was blended and racked into Bordeaux Chateau barrels for aging after malolactic fermentation was completed in upright Bordeaux casks. We fined this wine with two egg whites per barrel several months before we bottled it in June 1984.

While the 1982 Far Niente Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon is young, it displays the balance and structure to continue improving for many years. Since the wine is already soft and enjoyable, the black currant oak flavors will become more complex with bottle age.

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