



Far Niente

1983 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

While 1983 was very well known for the quality of Chardonnay produced, we believe that the warm days and cool nights in the Napa Valley were even better for Cabernet. The grapes from The Stelling Vineyard, located directly behind Far Niente and adjacent to Martha's Vineyard and Mondavi's Reserve and Opus vineyards, were harvested before the early heavy rains.

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.

Each of the three varieties used in this wine, Cabernet Sauvignon 90%, Cabernet Franc 7%, Merlot 3%, were hand picked and then hand sorted upon arrival at the winery. The extended maceration the wine received after fermentation helped provide greater depth, while softening the mouthfeel. Shortly after the malolactic fermentation was complete, the wine was blended and racked into a high percentage of new Bordeaux Chateau French oak barrels for 15 months of aging. In a final step to soften the wine prior to bottling, each barrel was fined with five egg whites.

The 1983 Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon displays unusually deep and rich fruit flavors, which are complemented by the toasty oak aromas. While being soft and mouth filling for enjoyment now, further bottle aging will reward your patience with a longer finish and more velvety texture.

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The Napa Valley Wine Estate

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