



Far Niente

1984 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

The 1984 vintage may be best remembered for the soft and supple Cabernet Sauvignons that have resulted. While the harvest was one of the earliest on record due to a particularly warm growing season, the cool nights in the Napa Valley kept the fruit in perfect balance.

The three varieties used in this wine, Cabernet Sauvignon (83%), Cabernet Franc (15%), and Merlot (2%), were hand picked from our estate vineyard which is directly behind Far Niente and adjacent to Martha's Vineyard, as well as Mondavi's Reserve. The extended maceration the wine received after fermentation added greater depth, while softening the mouthfeel. The three varieties were blended shortly after the malolactic fermentation was complete, and racked into a high percentage of new Bordeaux Chateau French oak barrels for eighteen months of aging. In a final step to soften the wine prior to bottling, each barrel was fined with six egg whites.

The 1984 Cabernet Sauvignon has full berry fruit flavors complemented by toasty oak aromas, as well as the typically "dusty" components traditionally found only among the Rutherford Bench vineyards. The Cabernet Franc and Merlot have helped produce a wine which is soft and mouth filling now, while further bottle aging will reward your patience with a longer finish and more velvety texture. Cases Produced: 8,000

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.

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The Napa Valley Wine Estate

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