



Far Niente

1989 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

The 1989 harvest began under ideal cool, sunny conditions. Unseasonable rains slowed the harvest considerably, but the thick skins and loose clusters typical of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes remained undamaged and ripened perfectly as the fall sunshine returned. The long growing season resulted in a wine with great depth, richness and length.

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 three varietals used in this wine, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot were hand picked from our estate vineyard located directly behind Far Niente. The clusters were then sorted by hand to assure the finest quality prior to crushing. Following maceration for three weeks and initial fermentation, the blend was assembled into 100% new Bordeaux French Oak Barrels for twenty months of aging. In a final step to soften the wine prior to bottling, each barrel was fined with five egg whites.

The 1989 Cabernet Sauvignon has full berry fruit flavors complemented by toasty oak aromas, as well as the typically "dusty" components traditionally found among the Rutherford and Oakville Bench vineyards. The blending has helped produce a wine that is soft and mouth filling now, while further bottle aging will reward your patience with a longer and more velvety texture. We expect the aging potential of this wine to be in excess of twenty years.

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