



Far Niente

1992 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.

1992 was the sixth year of drought in California. Fortunately, significant cool spring rains replenished the soils prior to the growing season so that the vines experienced normal growing conditions. The weather was consistently nice from bloom through harvest, allowing the grapes to gradually ripen to full maturity in our estate vineyards. It was a vintage similar to 1985, resulting in silky soft tannins complimented by the unusual roundness and length in the mouth.

The three varietals used in this wine, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot, were carefully monitored, then hand picked from our estate, the Stelling Vineyard, located in Oakville directly behind Far Niente. The clusters were then sorted by hand to assure the finest quality prior to crushing. Following fermentation in stainless steel tanks and several weeks of maceration, each lot was evaluated. Only those lots that combined best to express the unique house style of Far Niente were included in the blend that was assembled into new French Oak Barrels for twenty months of aging. In a final step to further soften the wine prior to bottling, each barrel was fined with fresh egg whites.

The 1992 Far Niente Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has rich and deep berry flavors complimented by toasty oak aromas as well as the typical "dusty" components traditionally found among the finest soils of the western vineyards of Oakville. The vintage has produced a wonderful extra dimension of silkiness and harmony. 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.

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The Napa Valley Wine Estate

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