

# Far Niente



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE  
ESTABLISHED 1885



1999 FAR NIENTE ESTATE BOTTLED

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, OAKVILLE

### VINEYARD NOTES

Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon is grown primarily in our estate Stelling Vineyard, located behind the winery in Oakville. This 100-acre vineyard produces wines that exhibit the cassis, blackberry and “dusty” components typical of wines grown in the soils of western Oakville.

### HARVEST NOTES

This magnificent vintage began with a cool spring and wonderfully moderate growing season, which contributed to a late start to the harvest. The crop was small due to the ripening conditions during bud formation and flowering. However, the extra hang time allowed the grapes ample opportunity to fully ripen and develop concentrated flavors.

### TASTING NOTES

The 1999 Cabernet displays substantial cassis and dark blackberry aromas that are mirrored on the palate with the extra density and depth that come from an excellent vintage and low vineyard production. The lush ripeness marries particularly well with the toasty char of the French oak. This wine has all the layers and structure typical of Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### *Appellation*

Napa Valley

#### *Harvest Dates*

September 17,  
October 27, 1999

#### *Varietals*

78% Cabernet Sauvignon  
21% Merlot  
1% Cabernet Franc

#### *Skin Contact*

up to 41 days

#### *Aging*

18 months in French oak  
(80% new)

#### *Release Date*

September 1, 2002

#### *Director of Winemaking*

Dirk Hampson

#### *Winemaker*

Stephanie Putnam