



*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 Napa Valley Wine Estate*

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# *Far Niente*

## *1999 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon*

### *Napa Valley*

#### 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:	9/17 – 10/27/99
Varietals:	78% Cabernet Sauvignon 21% Merlot 1% Cabernet Franc
Skin Contact:	up to 41 days
Aging:	18 months in French oak (80% new)
Fermentation:	Typical for red wine
Release Date:	September 1, 2002
Cases Produced:	12,345 cases

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