



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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2007 Estate Bottled Chardonnay

Napa Valley

Vineyard Notes:

Far Niente Chardonnay is a blend of superlative Napa Valley vineyards, many of which are located in a little-known area called Coombsville, a cool growing region nestled in the rolling countryside and protected by the hills east of the city of Napa. Coombsville offers the characteristic climate of Carneros, with less wind, along with deeper, well-drained gravelly loam and volcanic ash soils. The combination of these spectacular vineyards results in the subtle, tropical flavors, complex aromas and uncommon richness that we have long associated with Far Niente Chardonnay.

Harvest Notes:

The season started off with a very dry winter, registering only about 60 percent of normal precipitation. Coupled with a mild spring, the growing conditions yielded vines that were well balanced and not overly vigorous. A mild, cool summer, with no unusual heat spikes, allowed the fruit to ripen at an even, steady pace. A small heat wave in late August threatened to jump start harvest, but was quickly followed by mild temperatures, allowing us to pick each vineyard at its optimum level of ripeness.

Tasting Notes:

This wine greets with forward fruits, layered by peach and tropical notes combined with rose petal and toasty allspice. The balance between the oak and fruit are completely seamless. Full bodied and rich, creamy hints of minerality complement the sweet fruit throughout. The finish is very long, lingering and beautifully textured.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Harvest Dates:	August 30 - October 8, 2007
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation:	100% barrel; No ML
Aging:	9 months sur lie in French oak (65% new, 35% once-used)
Release Date:	November 2008

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