



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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1983 Estate Bottled Chardonnay

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All of the grapes for the 1983 Estate Bottled Far Niente Chardonnay were grown by the Stelling Vineyard which is located adjacent to the winery.

The grapes were harvested in the cool mornings and arrived at the winery within minutes in small bins designed to minimize juicing. After hand sorting, the grapes were crushed and given prolonged skin contact. The fermentation began in stainless steel tanks before the juice was racked to Burgundy French Oak Barrels, where it completed fermentation.

The wine was allowed to age on its lees to add greater depth and complexity. After natural clarification through settling, the wine was blended, lightly fined and filtered prior to bottling in the early summer of 1984.

The 1983 Estate Bottled Far Niente Chardonnay is well-balanced with ripe fruit, matched with warm oak flavors. This well-structured wine should continue to improve, gaining more complexity with bottle aging.

Date of Harvest: September 6-19
Sugar at Harvest: 23.3 BRIX
Acid at Harvest: .80 g/100 ml
Residual Sugar: Dry (less than 0.1%)

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