Far Niente is home to a diverse assortment of significant and classic cars that are housed in the Carriage House on the winery grounds. The collection was assembled by Gil Nickel, who revived Far Niente in 1979 and was an avid car collector and race driver. The fleet includes GTs and fast sports cars as well as track-hugging racers that have been driven in vintage racing competitions all over the world.

The collection is comprised of treasures from Italy, Britain, Germany and America, plus a number of vintage BMW motorcycles. Some of the most significant cars include a 1966 Ferrari 500 Superfast and a 1961 Corvette roadster. The cars are hardly treated like a museum collection. In fact, they’re driven regularly along the wide open spaces and curvy hillsides of the wine country.

Visitors to Far Niente are treated to a viewing of the cars, as the Carriage House is included in the winery tour. Here are a few snapshots of some of the exciting makes, models and “vintages” on display: