



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE
ESTABLISHED 1885



2016 FAR NIENTE ESTATE BOTTLED
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY, OAKVILLE

VINEYARD NOTES

The Martin Stelling Vineyard, located behind the winery in Oakville, is the cornerstone of Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon. Planted on some of the most beautiful, gravelly loam soil in the Napa Valley, the vineyard uniformly produces wines with supple tannins, bright, forward fruit, and beautiful tannin structure.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 growing season began with a mild January, followed by a warm and dry February. While budbreak was relatively early, the arrival of early spring rains in March helped to steady growth. Spring brought moderate weather with very little frost pressure but later rain showers during bloom made for variable yields. Variability continued to be a factor through summer with big swings in temperature (hot, then cool, then hot again). In August and September, mild days were followed by cool nights and foggy mornings. A little warm up in late September kick-started harvest on the 21st, and we finished by mid-October when cooler days and cold nights brought an end to the season.

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful aromas of blackberry and boysenberry pie, cassis, licorice and sweet anise, pair gorgeously with hints of lightly toasted oak. A silky entry transitions to a very smooth midpalate with flavors of mixed berry fruit, light toasted oak, and sweet licorice. Well-structured and polished, this wine is filled with juicy acid and fine grain tannins that melt into a long mouthwatering finish.

Appellation

Oakville, Napa Valley

Harvest Dates

September 21 -
October 12, 2016

Varietals

97% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Petit Verdot

Skin Contact

15 days, average

Aging

17 months in French oak
(71% new, 29% once-used)

Release Date

September 2018

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