



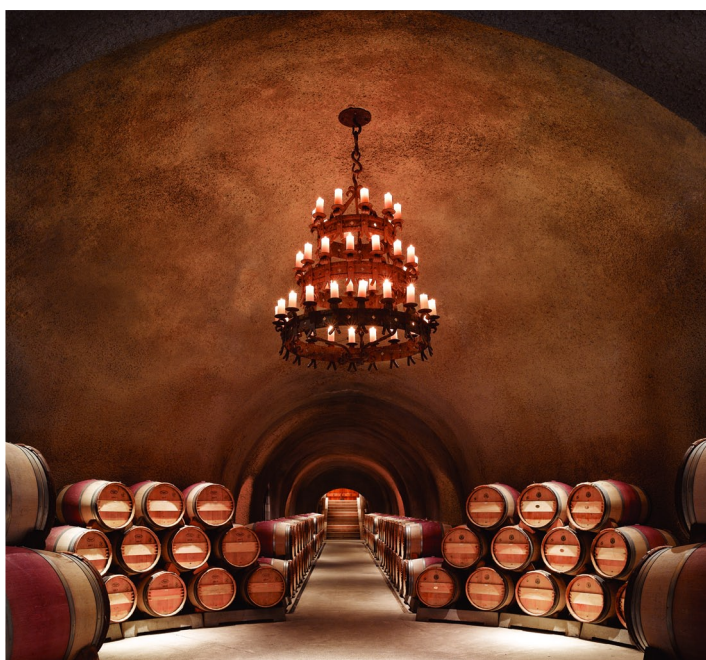
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● At the venerable Far Niente Winery (1350 Acacia Drive, Oakville; 00 1 707 944 2861, www.farniente.com; tour and tasting, £35), you look out over flame-red Virginia creeper and cork oaks as you swirl your Cabernet Sauvignon or buttery Chardonnay. The short cellar tour over, you and six other guests sip and compare tipples over artisanal cheeses around an antique table. Cheap they ain't (from £30 to £400 a bottle); life-affirming they are.

