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FAR NIENTE 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE RED 94+

A great effort from Far Niente in this truly magnificent vintage, with its similarities to 2002, the **Far Niente 2012 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon** has a dense purple color, plenty of structure and aging potential, and an impressive inner core of sweet *crème de cassis fruit*, licorice and background vanilla. This wine is still very much an infant in its evolution, and should keep for 20–30 years. Many 2012s are excessively generous, open-knit and fleshy, but this is holding a lot back. And wow, it is “locked and loaded.” I wouldn’t be surprised to see this wine increase in score in about 5–10 years, and actually merit an even higher score. Bravo!