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Far Niente, Napa Valley (California) Chardonnay "Cave Collection" 2011
The Cave Collection program at Far Niente holds back a small percentage of Chardonnay from each vintage to released in the January following the initial release, showing what can happen to a well made wine when cellared under proper conditions. This wine shows the vibrant character of the 2012 vintage, but the lemon crème, pear and apple fruit is receding slightly, allowing the spice and minerality to come forward. It's got plenty of lively acidity and has a long life ahead. I'd love to try this ten years from now to see where it ends up. **95** **Rich Cook,** *November 25, 2014*

Far Niente, Napa Valley (California) Chardonnay 2013 Just about to be released, the 2013 shows its youth with forward pear, lemon and apple in both aroma and flavor, with silky viscosity underneath a bright acid pop up front. Nice stone minerality complements the fruit mix, and some soft spice is starting to show in the background, rising in the finish. **94** **Rich Cook,** *November 25, 2014*

Far Niente, Napa Valley (California) Chardonnay 2012 A rich, concentrated, Chardonnay, showing bright acid, lemon crème, mild apple and light smoky oak notes. It's very solidly balanced with lovely soft spice notes and an extremely long finish that brings a soft vanilla note forward. Already extremely well integrated, it will continue to improve in the bottle for another 5 to 6 years. Delicious! **94** **Rich Cook,** *November 25, 2014*