



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*

December 2018

*Director of Winemaking*

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*Winemaker*

Nicole Marchesi