



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE
ESTABLISHED 1885



2012 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 2012 season returned to near perfect weather after several cool and challenging growing seasons. March brought heavy spring rains, sustaining the vines through the season. Temperatures were ideal for budbreak, flowering and fruit set, and the summer months brought seasonably warm days and cool nights without extreme weather events. These conditions allowed the vines to establish a large, but balanced crop, which steadily ripened until our Cabernet harvest began in early October. Mother Nature held back on her fall rains, enabling us to slowly and steadily bring in each block at optimal ripeness before the end of the month.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of mixed berry fruit, boysenberry, chocolate covered cherries, layered with hints of graphite and toasted oak. On the palate, a smooth entry is followed by intense, ripe berry notes. This wine is focused and silky through the midpalate, building to a finish with broad tannins and notes of cedar and toasted oak.

Appellation

Oakville, Napa Valley

Harvest Dates

October 3 - 29, 2012

Varietals

94% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petit Verdot
1% Cabernet Franc

Skin Contact

12 days, average

Aging

17 months in French oak
(83% new, 17% once-used)

Release Date

August 2014

Director of Winemaking

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