



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE  
ESTABLISHED 1885



2018 FAR NIENTE

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARD NOTES

The 2018 vintage combines select vineyards in Calistoga, Oak Knoll, St. Helena, Stags Leap, Diamond Mountain, and Yountville that complement our estate vineyards in Oakville and embody our long-established house style. Cabernet has been a hallmark of Far Niente's winemaking program beginning with its very first vintage in 1982. The marriage of these diverse vineyard sites has allowed us to craft our finest expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine exemplifies our nearly four decades of mastery in growing and making Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

### HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 growing season began with a dry January, followed by heavy, much-needed rains throughout February and March. While budbreak and flowering occurred later than in the previous few vintages, the moderate spring weather ensured an even set and full crop. Summer saw mild temperatures with abundant sunshine, warm days, cool nights and foggy mornings. August saw some muggier, hazy days, however, vines continued to ripen slowly and evenly. We began harvesting our earliest Cabernet sites in Calistoga during the last week in September. Beautiful sunshine and moderate heat at harvest enabled fruit to reach optimal flavor maturity while mild weather allowed for an extended Cabernet harvest into fall. We wrapped up picking in November, with our last Oak Knoll fruit coming into the winery on November 6.

### TASTING NOTES

An elegant perfume of mixed berries, baking spice, dried lavender and thyme open onto a full palate layered with expansive mixed berry, black tea, toasted oak and spice flavors. Focused and fresh, fine grained tannins support the wine throughout, while the finish is silky, long and lifted.

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#### *Appellation*

Napa Valley

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#### *Harvest Dates*

September 26 –  
November 7, 2018

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#### *Varietals*

93.3% Cabernet Sauvignon  
3.8% Petit Verdot  
2.3% Cabernet Franc  
.5% Merlot  
.1% Malbec

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#### *Skin Contact*

12 days, average

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#### *Aging*

17 months in French oak  
(65% new, 35% once-used)

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#### *Release Date*

September 2020

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#### *Director of Winemaking*

Andrew Delos

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#### *Winemaker*

Nicole Marchesi



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*Appellation*  
Napa Valley

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*Harvest Dates*  
September 20 –  
October 27, 2017

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*Varietals*  
88.5% Cabernet Sauvignon  
6% Merlot  
3.5% Petit Verdot  
2% Cabernet Franc

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*Skin Contact*  
12 days, average

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*Aging*  
16 months in French oak  
(60% new, 40% once-used)

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*Release Date*  
September 2019

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*Director of Winemaking*  
Andrew Delos

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*Winemaker*  
Nicole Marchesi

2017 FAR NIENTE

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The year began with a wonderfully cold and much needed wet winter, followed by a mild spring. Welcome April showers following budbreak resulted in hearty vine growth that only accelerated with the summer sun. Temperatures finally cooled briefly in August before one final heat spike over Labor Day weekend. The cool weather that immediately followed gave us a short respite before beginning harvest of the Bordeaux varietals in our most northern blocks in Calistoga with the rest of our blocks following suit shortly after.

### TASTING NOTES

Lifted aromas of boysenberry and dark cherry with bright floral notes and hints of sweet toasted oak that jump from the glass at the very first swirl. A silky and lush entry with boysenberry and cherry flavors, light hint of dusty earth and spiced oak, refined and smooth tannins for a long juicy finish.