



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE
ESTABLISHED 1885



2018 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.

Appellation

Oakville, Napa Valley

Harvest Dates

September 29–October 6,
2018

Varietals

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Petit Verdot
3% Malbec

Skin Contact

15 days, average

Aging

20 months in French oak
(70% new, 30% once-used)

Release Date

September 2020

Director of Winemaking

Andrew Delos

Winemaker

Nicole Marchesi

HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 season started out with dry conditions and low snowpack in January, but February and March brought heavy and much needed rains. While budbreak and flowering were a bit later than in the previous few vintages, the moderate spring weather ensured an even set and healthy crop. Mild temperatures continued through summer with warm, sunny days coupled with cool nights and foggy mornings. The vines ripened slowly, allowing each cluster to reach optimal flavor maturity. Our Oakville harvest began just at the end of September and continued steadily through October, with the last of our Martin Stelling Vineyard blocks coming in at the end of the month.

TASTING NOTES

Generous aromas of blackberry, chocolate covered cherries and espresso give way to a full midpalate filled with black cherry and berry flavors, accented by dusky dark cocoa and toffee notes. Fine-grained tannins offer structure from start to end, with a velvety finish layered with ripe, lingering black fruit flavors.