



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE
ESTABLISHED 1885



2020 FAR NIENTE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD NOTES

The wine combines select vineyards in Rutherford, Calistoga and St. Helena that complement our home 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 2020 Napa Valley growing season began with warm temperatures and low rainfall. Cooler weather and light rains arrived at the end of March, followed by the return of warm, arid conditions. Summer's cool mornings, sunny days and low humidity resulted in lighter vegetative growth, leaving the vines with small canopies and a small crop load. As has become somewhat typical in recent vintages, a series of heat spikes occurred in August and early September accelerating ripening in our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards, teeing us up for the harvest which began in earnest on the 20th of September. While the harvested clusters were leaner than the average year, the grapes were rich, ripe and full flavored.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Far Niente Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon entices the nose with aromas of licorice, dark cherry, raspberry, warm spice, and savory herbal notes, complemented by a distinctive hint of wet stone. Upon entry, this wine glides across the palate, with a silky-smooth texture supported by well-integrated tannin. Flavors of dark cherry, tobacco spice, and subtle toasted oak give way to a juicy mouth-watering finish.

Appellation

Napa Valley

Harvest Dates

September 20 -
October 10, 2020

Varietals

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

Skin Contact

12 days, average

Aging

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

Release Date

Fall 2022

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