



Far Niente

The Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon is a stunning representation of Napa Valley's finest vineyards, showcasing bold fruit flavors, elegant structure, and remarkable aging potential.



Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon** is crafted from a selection of prestigious vineyard sites spread across **Calistoga, Oak Knoll, St. Helena, Stags Leap, Diamond Mountain, and Yountville**, which complement the estate vineyards in **Oakville**. This combination of diverse microclimates and soil types has enabled Far Niente to produce a wine that embodies the hallmark style of Napa Valley Cabernet.

Calistoga and **Diamond Mountain** bring power and structure to the wine, thanks to their volcanic soils and warmer climates, while the cooler regions like **Oak Knoll** and **Stags Leap** contribute elegance, balance, and refined acidity. These vineyards are meticulously managed to ensure that only the highest quality fruit is harvested, creating a wine with both depth and complexity. The 2019 vintage, in particular, benefited from **late spring rains**, which enriched the soil and resulted in smaller, highly concentrated grape clusters. The mild fall temperatures allowed the fruit to mature fully while retaining freshness and avoiding over-ripeness, resulting in a truly exceptional vintage.

Winemaking

This vintage of Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of **94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Cabernet Franc**, a combination that adds complexity and elegance to the final wine. After harvest, the grapes underwent **12 days of skin contact**, which extracted deep color and robust tannins. The wine was then aged for **17 months in French oak barrels**, of which **65% were new and 35% once-used**. This careful use of oak adds layers of vanilla, spice, and subtle toastiness without overpowering the rich fruit character.

The winemaking team, led by **Nicole Marchesi** and **Andrew Delos**, is known for their expertise in creating balanced and age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon. Their attention to detail ensures that the wine maintains its signature freshness and structure, allowing it to develop gracefully over time.

Alcohol :14,00 %

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Tasting Notes

- **Aroma:** The nose reveals a **complex bouquet of mixed berries**, intertwined with notes of **baking spice, dried lavender**, and a hint of **thyme**.
- **Palate:** The palate is rich and expansive, with flavors of **ripe mixed berries, black tea**, and **toasted oak**, supported by fine-grained tannins that give the wine structure and depth.
- **Finish:** The finish is **long, silky**, and **lifted**, with a refreshing balance of fruit, spice, and tannins that promises excellent aging potential.

Did you know?

Far Niente has been crafting **Cabernet Sauvignon** since its very first vintage in **1982**. The 2019 vintage marks nearly four decades of mastery in the Napa Valley, solidifying its reputation as one of the region's most iconic producers of this varietal.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak:** The robust tannins and ripe fruit of the wine pair perfectly with the rich flavors and marbling of a grilled ribeye.
- **Braised lamb shanks:** The savory depth of lamb is enhanced by the wine's dark fruit and herbaceous notes.
- **Mushroom risotto:** The wine's earthy black tea and berry flavors complement the umami richness of mushrooms.
- **Aged cheddar:** The complexity of the wine is a great match for the sharp, nutty flavors of aged cheddar.

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 96 Points (2019)



With a slight nose of reduction, this wine offers grippy tannin and sizable oak. Blueberry, currant, cedar and sage give it an elegance and classic structure of understated power, finishing in notes of tobacco and clove. Enjoy from 2029–2039. Cellar Selection

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2019)



Aromas of dark plums, black olives, bark, dried herbs and cloves. Medium-to full-bodied with powdery tannins. Rich and creamy with chocolate and black fruit on the palate. Chewy finish with excellent length. Fresh. Drink from 2023.

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 94 Points (2019)



Deep ruby-hued, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon has a textbook Cabernet nose of ripe red and black fruits, leafy herbs, tobacco, spicy oak, and loamy earth. Nicely textured on the palate, it shows the supple elegance of the 2019 vintage, has ripe tannins, medium to full body, and outstanding length. It's a beautifully balanced, classic 2019 to drink any time over the coming 15 to 20 years. The blend is 94% Cabernet, 4% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot, aged 17 months in 65% new French oak.

