

Far Niente

Crafted from top vineyard sites across Oakville, Calistoga, St. Helena, and Rutherford, this wine reflects nearly four decades of Cabernet mastery by Far Niente.

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Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

This wine is born from a meticulous selection of premier vineyard sites across Napa Valley, each contributing distinct structural and aromatic dimensions. Far Niente sources fruit from its **historic estate in Oakville**, complemented by additional blocks in **Rutherford, Calistoga, and St. Helena**. These appellations, each with their unique climate and soil profiles, create a blend of notable depth and complexity.

Oakville's gravel-rich, well-drained soils bring muscular structure and dark fruit concentration. Rutherford contributes signature dusty tannins and savory spice, while Calistoga and St. Helena add richness and opulence through their warmer microclimates. Together, they form a harmonious, terroir-driven wine that epitomizes the Far Niente style—**refined, layered and cellar-worthy**.

Winemaking

The 2022 vintage began with a mild spring and progressed through a warm, sometimes challenging summer. Strategic **canopy management** proved critical in preserving fruit during early September's intense heat wave, followed by timely rainfall that prolonged ripening in cooler sites. This carefully calibrated harvest yielded **aromatic, fruit-forward wines with refined structure**.

The blend is composed of **92.3% Cabernet Sauvignon**, with small additions of **Malbec (6%)**, **Cabernet Franc (2%)**, **Petit Sirah (1.7%)**, and **Petit Verdot (1%)**, enhancing complexity, depth, and color. After **15 days of skin contact**, the wine was aged for **17 months in French oak**, **65% new and 35% once-used**, which imparted polish and fine-grained tannins without overshadowing the vibrant fruit core. Bottling and release are scheduled for Fall 2024.

Alcohol :14,50 %

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with garnet edges, indicating youthful intensity and concentration.
- **Aroma:** Inviting notes of mixed berries, baking spices, dried lavender, and a whisper of thyme.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and layered, revealing a core of dark berry compote, black tea, and toasted oak. Spices and floral elements evolve with air. Fine-grained tannins support a long, silky, and lifted finish.

Did you know?

Far Niente, established in 1885 and revived in 1979, was one of the earliest Napa Valley estates to focus exclusively on **estate-bottled Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon** . Its meticulous approach has helped define the modern standard for elegance and longevity in Napa reds.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-crusted rack of lamb**: Complements the wine's herbal lift and deep berry notes.
- **Beef tenderloin with black truffle jus**: A luxurious match for the rich mid-palate and savory depth.
- **Mushroom risotto with aged Parmesan**: Earthy, creamy textures align with the wine's structure and fine tannins.
- **Charcoal-grilled portobello burgers**: A vegetarian-friendly pairing that highlights the wine's dark fruit and spice character.

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James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2022)

Refined and pure aromas of dark cherries, blackcurrants, violets and cedar. The palate is full-bodied with seamlessly integrated tannins and focused acidity, giving notes of Damson plums, graphite, mocha, dried herbs and potpourri. Very well balanced and polished.