



2016 MARTIN STELLING VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The Martin Stelling Vineyard is located at the base of the western hills in Oakville and is the primary vineyard for Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon. Nickel & Nickel is fortunate to farm two acres of this vineyard. The soils are composed of deep volcanic loam with underlying clay and gravel.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 growing season proceeded as usual for Napa Valley with a nice spring that led to a warm summer. Budbreak was about five days later than last year and this trend continued throughout the season. Slightly cooler weather in May lengthened the bloom window but warm summer days in June and July helped the vines catch up to normal. The crop looked good with clusters that had a nice leaf coverage allowing for speckled light. August brought both cool and hot weather, so we kept a close eye on each block.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2016 Martin Stelling Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a stellar representation of this remarkable vineyard. The wine gushes with cherry, plum and cassis, elevated by subtle notes of baking spices. There is an elegance and depth to these tannins that coat and expand across the entire palate, giving this wine a long, layered presence concluded by a warm toasted oak finish.

APPELLATION

Oakville, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

March 2019

HARVEST DATE

October 2, 2016

SKIN CONTACT

19 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997