



## 2017 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 year began with a cold and much-needed wet winter, followed by a mild spring. April showers following budbreak resulted in hearty vine growth that only accelerated with the summer sun. The vineyards enjoyed a brief cooling period in August before a final heat spike over Labor Day weekend. The cool weather that immediately followed gave our fruit additional hang-time on the vine continuing phenolic development.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2017 Martin Stelling Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon exudes opulence, possessing aromas of dark blackberry and cassis that are also mirrored on the palate with underlying notes of chocolate and spice. Well-structured and compelling, there is a richness and volume on the palate that extends from start to finish.

**APPELLATION**  
Oakville, Napa Valley

**VARIETAL**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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

**RELEASE DATE**  
September 2019

**HARVEST DATE**  
October 5, 2017

**SKIN CONTACT**  
15 days

**TIME**  
16 months

**FIRST VINTAGE**  
1997