

Robb Report

FOR THE LUXURY LIFESTYLE

** 2008 *Holiday* HOST GUIDE **

FINAL FLOURISHES

IN THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY, Oscar Wilde Writes, "The cigarette is the perfect type of perfect pleasure. It is exquisite, and it leaves one unsatisfied. What more can one want?" While the nicotine addict naturally wants another cigarette, the discriminating dinner guest (Wilde's witticism notwithstanding) wants satisfaction in the perfect and pleasurable form of a late-harvest wine to complement the meal's confectionary climax, or an after-dinner port to enhance the earthy flavors of a fine cigar. The discriminating host will always oblige.



DOLCE NAPA VALLEY LATE HARVEST 2004

Through their three distinct labels, the Nickel family has blessed Napa Valley with several decades of superb wines. Far Niente's Chardonnays have become California classics, and the single-vineyard releases Far Niente's sister winery, Nickel & Nickel, offer enthusiasts a virtual tour of this wine region's diverse *terroirs*. But Dolce, the third label in the portfolio, stands out in particular. This Sauterne-style dessert wine is liquid autumn sunlight: Buttery smooth, it caresses the palate with flavors of candied apricot, pineapple, and sticky toffee pudding.