



Tasting Notes

2002 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Fantesca's namesake comes from a fun-loving, frolicking female in Italian traveling comedy troupes of the Renaissance. At a time when women weren't even allowed on the stages of England, Italy embraced her feisty, flirty character.

Sexy, Smart, and Unpretentious, Fantesca brought wit, sensuality, and insight to the characters of the "Zanni" in Italian theater. The Zanni troupes were Italy's most popular form of theater from the 1500's to the 1700's. Shakespeare is said to have taken inspiration from their work.

Fantesca's 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon

The grapes for this wine were harvested from Fantesca Estate on Spring Mountain in 2002. Fantesca's vineyard is located on the southeastern side of Spring Mountain, with tremendous variations in slope over just 8.6 acres of vines. The elevation and mountain terrain offer superb sun exposure and a long growing season.

The Fantesca character and this property share a long legacy of dynamic women. The vineyard was originally part of Caroline Bale's dowry when she married Charles Krug in 1860. Even then, it was recognized as prime mountain vineyard land. 31 years before women had the right to vote, The Krugs had a female winemaker named Hannah Weinberger. A wine she produced from this vineyard won one of the first awards for a wine from the Napa Valley in 1889.

The unique terroir here produces a rich and intense Cabernet, true to the character of the Spring Mountain District.

"The 2002 Fantesca Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has an intense deep purple hue. The dark wine clings to the glass and makes a perfect red curtain that foretells itself as "I'm Bold".

The entry, mid-palate, and great, long finish each in their own make an exaggerated statement. Ripe black cherry predominates the mouthful of fruit. The tannins are indeed firm but well textured. The ample acidity fulfills the balance and structure. All combined, the layers of flavor hurdle into an extremely long finish.

This wine will perhaps show best in 3 to 4 years and should survive 15 to 20 years." –Kirk Venge



Vintage
2002

Varietal
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol
14.6%

Appellation
Spring Mountain District

Winemakers
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