



## Tasting Notes

### 2003 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **Fantesca's 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon**

The grapes for this wine were harvested from Fantesca Estate on Spring Mountain in 2003. 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.

This wine shows a hint of rich, sweet, fresh herbs such as rosemary, thyme and slight pine. This herb note is subtle and offers a beautiful contrast and complexity to the rich fruit character. We believe it is due to the cooler climate of this appellation compared to other Napa AVAs.

On the palate, the wine is impeccably balanced. It has soft, well integrated tannins that seem perfectly matched to the level of fruit to allow for 10+ years of aging.

**Vintage**

2003

**Varietal**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol**

14.2%

**Appellation**

Spring Mountain District

**Winemakers**

Nils and Kirk Venge

**Release**

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