

James Suckling 90 PTS 2019

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TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby red with garnet tinges, redolent of notes of the forest floor, and spices, with a full-bodied palate. This magnificent international wine is aged slowly in oak barrels to develop its finest characteristics and reveal its graceful elegance.

Fantinel Tenuta Sant'Helena Cabernet Sauvignon

COUNTRY Italy

REGION Friuli Venezia Giulia 13.5%

ABV

VARIETALS 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION IGT Venezia Giulia

WINERY

Fantinel was founded in 1969, when restaurateur and hotelier, Paron Mario Fantinel, acquired his first vineyards in the Collio area of northern Friuli. With now the third generation represented by Marco, Stefano, and Mariaelena, what started as a small agricultural company has become an internationally prestigious winery and ambassador of Friulian wine-making throughout the world. The philosophy of Fantinel is to employ passion, tradition, and innovation through a close bond with the origins and ancestral wisdom of Friuli, producing wines that embrace excellence and offer real emotions that convey the authenticity of the land.

With over 300 hectares of vineyards divided into the renowned DOC Grave, Prosecco, and Collio zones, Fantinel comprises a stunning lineup: beautiful sparkling wines, Borgo Tesis, the distinct estate of Tenuta Sant'Helena, and the crown jewel La Roncaia. Gaining success in over 90 countries at top-level, prestigious restaurants and specialized shops, Fantinel's rapidly growing success is confirmed by remarkable reviews received by international press.

CULTIVATION

Practicing sustainable farming. Vines trained on guyot, harvest at the beginning of September.

VINIFICATION

Hand-harvest; partial "appassimento" (drying method) of the grapes (about 20%) for eight weeks, submerged cap maceration for 25 days.

AGING

Aged for about 18 months in 30-60 hl Allier and Slavonian oak barrels.