



STORY OF THE 8 BLOCKS

Planted in early 2007 to Petit Verdot, Block One rests on a steep slope where the soil holds relatively little water. The first fruit we harvested from these young vines was the 2011 vintage, yielding finished wines in 2014.

Block Two is planted to the Petit Verdot 'Paul Frank' clone. These vigorous vines respond well to the rugged terrain of Spring Mountain and our 3309C rootstock.

Known as the Terrace, Block Three is home to Clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon vines. This particular block is terraced because of its steep slope. It holds little moisture and retains very little topsoil. This block's east-facing slope gets optimal morning sun and less exposure in the warm afternoons. This fruit provides structure for our estate wine.

Blocks Four and Five enjoy the deepest soils on the property. These blocks both feature Clone 337 grafted onto 5C rootstock. We are very judicious with water in these blocks—it stresses the vines and concentrates fruit flavors. Block Five has rockier soil than Block Four, hence the distinction of the blocks. Blocks Four and Five also get the most hours of sunlight, providing the mid-palate and body of the estate Cabernet.

Block Six will be replanted in 2016. Its rocky soils will require extensive, deep ripping to remove or break up the terrain. When completed, this rocky block will provide some of Fantesca's most complex lots.

Resting at the very bottom of the vineyard, Block Seven was replanted in 2013. The row spacing was narrowed and the orientation was modified to better align with the sun's summer path. This ensures even ripening and optimum exposure. Block Seven lies in a small valley close to a 134 year-old reservoir. The proximity to this body of water provides moderate nighttime temperatures for Block Seven. It is often the first to experience bud break and usually the first Cabernet block to be harvested.

Our smallest block, block 8, is found along the path to our deck. Planted in 2011, this clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon planted on 110R rootstock is located on a fairly steep slope facing west, receiving a lot of afternoon sun. Due to its sun exposure and very close spacing this is one of our earlier ripening blocks.