

# 2000 PAZZO

by Bacio Divino Cellars, St. Helena, California [www.baciodivino.com](http://www.baciodivino.com)

**Varietal Content:** 73% Sangiovese, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Zinfandel

**Aging:** All wines were aged in a variety of newer and older French and Hungarian Oak barrels for 24 months. Bottling was in October 2002.

**Alcohol:** 14.1% alcohol/volume

**Grape Sources:** All grapes are from the best Napa Valley vineyards we can find. Over the past years, we have maintained the highest standard of quality control over vineyards with which we've had contracts.

**Total Production:** 800 cases.

**Release Date:** February 2003

**Winemaker:** Claus Janzen

**Blending:** Pazzo is intended as a casual wine, moderately priced for a Napa Valley appellation. It is predominated by the Sangiovese varietal, with the blend heightened in structure and flavor by the addition of extraordinary Cabernet fruit. This wine should be considered for current consumption.

**Tasting Notes:** Balance is the key to this wine! Sangiovese fruit usually exhibits abundant cherry flavors in the nose and palate, and Pazzo is full of this fresh fruit. Matured in various French and Hungarian oak barrels, the blend of wood spice and the fresh fruit make for a wonderful drink. Try and drink only one bottle!

**A most eloquent review of this, our inaugural vintage:** Pazzo 2000 Napa, Red, Rated 90, Outstanding. Proprietor Claus Janzen continued to perform his magic in the challenging 2000 vintage. The 2000 Pazzo is a full throttle Sangiovese that makes a mockery of most California Sangiovese-based wines. A serious effort, it offers aromas of soy, new saddle leather, sweet and sour cherries as well as currants in a medium to full-bodied, concentrated flavorful style meant to be consumed over the next 2-5 years. If Bacio Divino can make Sangiovese this good, why do so many other wineries fall on their faces?