

WON'T YOU BE OUR GHOST? Wine isn't the only spirit to be found at the Inn



SONOMA VALLEY, CA October 2020 - It is said that ghosts haunt where they were happiest. [Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa](#) welcomes guests past and present and tells the tales of guests who never want to leave.

When the evenings are still and the fog rolls in from the Bay, a hauntingly beautiful woman has been seen strolling the hallways of the Inn in period dress. Victoria, as she is fondly referred to by many of the Inn's tenured employees and whose family traces back to the founding fathers of Sonoma Valley, is said to have celebrated her wedding and many anniversaries at the resort.

The Inn originally dates back to the Native Americans, who were the first to discover the natural underground hot mineral waters. This site was considered a sacred healing ground and their 'sweathouse' stood near the spring for generations. For decades, guests have commented on the otherworldly presence at the Inn.

A frightfully handsome room in the original building is reportedly haunted by a ghost of an elderly man. Guests have for years noted a 'feeling' of not being alone in the room at night. You may catch something out of the corner of your eye – see something run down



the hall and around the corner. Others have shared that they hear doors slamming in different areas of the first floor in the darkest of the night.

The hauntingly famous 'Round-Room' is perhaps one of the most haunted hotel rooms in California. Supposedly, it was in this room, where a guest of the hotel in the 1920s, was allegedly beheaded in the bathtub by a jealous lover. Since then, guests have reported paranormal activity in the room, including flickering lights, unexplained noises, shadowy figures, running water and more.

**JOIN THE GUESTS OF PAST AND PRESENT
ON THE LINKS, AT THE OUTDOOR BAR, IN THE WATERS, AT THE TABLE**

SINISTER SHOTS

The Sonoma Golf Club has been in operation for over 80 years and like a classic mystery novel each spirited encounter reveals a nuance missed the last time around. Aghast gaffers curse the sinewy twists and unforced contours of this Golden Age layout. Be on the lookout for wicked Hole Four, this par-3, 204-yard demands pinpoint accuracy. O.B. is left and bunkers haunt both sides of the green.

BOO AND BREW

We've got cocktails for grown-up goblins..... Are you brave enough to sip our brew? Our ominous mixologists have created a menu of powerful seasonally-inspired potions including a Bloody-Tini and the Twilight Cocktail, (a frighteningly delicious concoction of three rums and fruit juices.)

HOWLING IN THE HOT SPRINGS

Generations of discerning travelers have come to savor the recuperative health benefits of the mineral rich thermal hot springs. Guys and ghouls can R.I.P. in Wine Country's most illustrious full-service spa. Celebrating All-Hallows month, the spa is now offering outdoor massage to scare away your stress.

HAUGHTINGLY HAUTE CUISINE

Add a bite to the spooky season with fiendish offerings and otherworldly wine pairings. Spirited seasonal menu are unleashed at Chef Jared's outdoor [CaliFornia, Street Eats Food Truck](#). Mummy favorites include a black mission fig & ricotta toast with Marcona almonds, lardo and sumac. Ghouls' delight after dark around the fire pits with a "S'more-gasbord," the ultimate autumn treat: Marshmallow, milk & dark chocolate, Reese's peanut butter cup, Graham cracker, candied bacon, strawberries and bananas!

STEP BACK IN TIME



Join permanent guests of the netherworld this Blue Moon Halloween with an overnight stay in a classic heritage Fairmont category room, touting plenty of old-world European charm. Don't be left in the dark, rates from \$279.00 available through our [20/20 offer](#), which includes overnight stay and 20% off food and beverage. Ghost-busters will also want to visit Mission San Francisco Solano, a historical haunted location located in the town center and Sonoma Mountain Cemetery, which is claimed to literally "come alive at night." Want to meet the ghosts of Wine Country? Book a [Ghost & Legends Walking Tour](#), explore the dark but interesting history of Sonoma's past. Sonoma never really sleeps, there are spirit people wandering streets just waiting to tell their tales, some may even raise the hair on the back of your neck.

SONOMA'S SECRET GHOSTS AND LEGENDS

Did you know that Sonoma has been coined California's most haunted town? Or that the Sonoma Valley is rumored to have two secret underground military bases? Did you know that Sonoma is reportedly a hotspot for U.F.O. activity?

How about this one? The Blue Wing Inn, built by General Vallejo in 1840 as one of the first hotels in California, is located across from the northernmost California Mission in downtown Sonoma and is rumored to be one of the most haunted buildings in town. The property has a long and colorful history as a hostel, store, saloon, and apartments. Today it stands empty and closed to the public.

Around the corner from the Blue Wing Inn is the Sebastiani Theatre, a beautiful art deco cinema - a rare gem among old theaters. But reports cite the ghost of a teenager named Tilly mingles with guests in the lobby.

Up the hill from the Sonoma Plaza is the lovely Bartholomew Park Winery, which offers ghostly legends alongside its museum and tasting room. Bartholomew was not always a winery. Sonoma's Bartholomew Park Winery was once a part of Agoston Haraszthy's 1850's Buena Vista Winery. It also was once a women's prison, hospital and morgue. At least three ghosts supposedly haunt the winery's main building and basement. Employees at the winery have reported hearing voices singing hymns. A story also has circulated about an incarcerated woman who was allegedly found in the basement walls during a 1970s earthquake retrofit. 1920's the building housed The State Farm for Delinquent Women. This was a prison for women of ill repute or those who were addicts, criminals or simply pregnant out of wedlock.

Spooktacular Sonoma happenings are just a call or click away. Renowned for natural mineral waters, unparalleled charm and gracious service, The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa, is located 40 miles north of the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge at 100 Boyes Blvd. in Sonoma Valley, the heart of Northern California's wine country. A recipient of the lauded Michelin Star, the AAA-Four Diamond and Mobil-Four Star Awards, the resort consistently provides the country's finest European spa experience. For reservations please call 1-800-441-1414 or (707) 938-9000, or visit the Inn's website at fairmont.com/sonoma.



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