

Rena Castle in Changyu, Shaanxi

——Tuscan style castle, poetry, wine, and pastoral scenery

"In the morning, the rain and dust of Weicheng were light, and the guest houses were green and willow colored. I urge you to drink more wine, and there is no old friend when you leave Yangguan in the west." The famous Tang Dynasty poet Wang Wei mentioned "Weicheng" in this famous poem, which has been a tradition of winemaking since the Western Han Dynasty. In the Tang Dynasty, "Weicheng" was still the location of the royal vineyard of Emperor Taizong Li Shimin. Over 1000 years later, the Rena Castle Winery in Changyu, Shaanxi was built in the Weicheng District of present-day Xianyang City.

I got off the plane from Xi'an International Airport and took a bus along the highway for more than 10 minutes. From a distance, I saw a large and tidy vineyard. Behind the vineyard, there was a huge single building with a style similar to European style antique castles. This is Rena Castle Chateau in Changyu, Shaanxi.

The gate of the manor is very grand, much like the ancient city walls that have been preserved to this day in Xi'an. Upon entering the gate, the first thing you will see is a themed sculpture, which is composed of the God of Youth Wine, the God of Commerce, the God of Art, and the Messenger of Joy, symbolizing the excellent quality of Changyu wine, its flourishing development, and the perfect integration of Changyu wine culture and art.

Following the avenue of trees, you arrived at the main castle of the estate. This is a typical Tuscany style castle in Italy, with buildings scattered in height and distinct levels. The orange red walls add a touch of warmth to the castle. Entering the castle, you can see the wine production line, wine culture exhibition area, 4D cinema, wine cellar maze, and more.

Surprisingly, there is a 15800 square meter super large wine cellar underground in the castle, which can accommodate 15000 oak barrels, making it the largest wine cellar in Asia to date. Upon closer inspection of the text on the oak barrels, you will find that they have different textures and varying degrees of baking, from multiple countries, totaling over 20 different types.

The quality of wine produced by a winery is closely related to its winemaker. Augustus Rena, the chief winemaker of Changyu Rena Castle Chateau, is the heir to the current Italian winemaking family, the Rena family. He brings the family's unique "barrel changing brewing" technique, selecting suitable oak barrels for storage based on the characteristics of grapes and grape wine each year, to achieve perfect balance in the maturation process of the wine.

Mr. Rena said that French wooden barrels are round and delicate, like the beauty of a violin; The American barrel is strong and heavy, like the depth of a cello; The mellow aroma of heavily baked wooden barrels is the grandeur of the round horn; The lightly baked wooden barrel is refreshing, and it is the lightness of the flute

Changyu Rena Castle Chateau dry red wine uses Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot as the main grape ingredients. The wine has a blackcurrant fruity aroma, as well as smoky, mushroom, and resin aromas. The body of the wine is rich and harmonious, making it a complex, balanced, and layered wine.

The head of the winery proudly stated that at the 2013 Eurasian Economic Forum welcome banquet, Changyu Rena Castle Chateau red wine hosted dignitaries from over 70 countries and regions around the world.

If tourists are tired from visiting, you can take a break in the wine tasting room of the castle,

which is quite European in style. Looking out the window at the beautiful scenery of the Tang Dynasty Royal Vineyard, and tasting a glass of Rena Chateau wine, you may also feel poetic.

1300 years ago, sweet wine began to prevail, which once made Tang Dynasty people ecstatic. The poem by the poet Wang Han at that time, "Grape Wine Night Glow Cup," has been passed down through the ages. Today, let's boldly speculate that if the great poet Wang Wei were alive and drank Rena Chateau's wine, would he chant "I urge you to drink even more wine"?

——Romantic Italy Dream Wine Castle