

Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 4 | Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club | Santa Rosa, CA



Month

Hole Stats

Distance: 510 yards

Par 5

The Turf

Green: Poa-Bentgrass

Fairway: Ryegrass

Like the vineyards rolling across Sonoma County's wine country, Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club is steeped in sophisticated landscapes and natural ambiance.

Stamped with heritage oak trees and towering redwoods, Fountaingrove has been a golfers escape to rustic luxury and award-winning turf since 1985. Designed by Ted Robinson Sr., the 18-hole private course hosts 35,000 rounds a year.



"We revel in grapes, wine and golf," said Fountaingrove Superintendent Andy Trinkino.

Hole 4 is no smooth shot. But successfully maneuvering its sloping sand bunkers and branching oaks to the risky green – 225 yards from the tee – is definitely a finish worth savoring.

"Shotmaking is key if you're trying to get home in two swings," Trinkino warns.

When facing impending challenges, Trinkino and his maintenance crew of 18 appreciate strong performance. They also know the importance of minimizing risk.

For prevention of pests caused by coastal pressure, including extended moisture and temperature shifts, Trinkino relies on fungicide chemistries that stand up to disease.

"In spring, we get hit with fusarium and pink/grey snow mold," Trinkino said. "Mid-season we face anthracnose and brown patch."

Beginning in March, Trinkino applies Insignia® fungicide every three weeks at the rate of 0.9 ounces per 1,000 square feet on tees and greens.

"Insignia is the only product that offers the control I need to harness that insidious anthracnose disease," he said.

Insignia saves Trinkino and his crew time, allowing them to tend to other course needs. "We're relieved at the 21 days of control Insignia provides each time," he said.

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