

27. FALERNIAN WINE



erving-boy fill for me stronger cups
of old *Falernian* ^[p. 211], since *Postumia* ^[p. 228],
the mistress's, laws demand it,
she who's juicier than the juicy grape.
But you water, fatal to wine, away with you:
far off, wherever, be off to the strict.
This wine is *Bacchus*'s ^[p. 201] own.



'Bacchus'
Hans Rottenhammer (I) (German, 1564 - 1625)
The Rijksmuseum