



GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

EST. 1858

2007 SYRAH - CABERNET SAUVIGNON SONOMA VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD Sourced primarily from the Estate Vineyard
Rhyolitic Ash and Alluvial Wash soils at 220 feet elevation
Yield 3.0 tons/acre

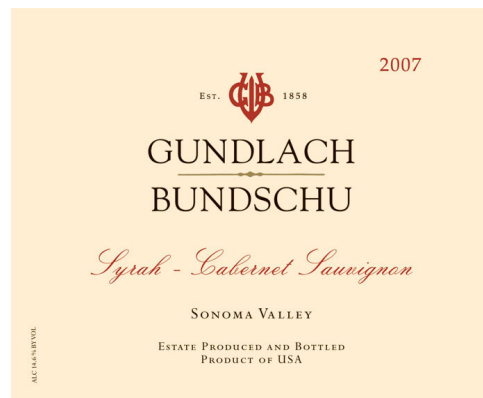
WINEMAKING

Harvest Dates: September 29, 2009

Vinification: Harvested by hand in cool morning hours
Destemmed to stainless-steel fermenters
Rhone yeast strain
12-day concurrent primary and malolactic fermentation
Gentle pumpovers throughout fermentation
After single racking in tank transferred to barrels
Filtered to bottle

Oak Regimen: 15 months in 100% French oak; 35% new

Blend: 55% Syrah, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon



Case Pack: 12/750ml
Cases Produced: 804
Alcohol: 14.6%
TA at Bottling: 0.62 g/100ml
pH at Bottling: 3.85

HARVEST NOTES

Generous on varietal concentration; stingy on yields. This sums up the outcome of the 2007 growing season and vintage. There was relatively early initiation of bud break which was followed by nearly perfect, mild climatic conditions throughout most of the season. This mild weather was especially welcomed since winter rainfall was nearly half of normal and so any big heat spikes in the spring or summer would put a lot of strain on water needs. The most pronounced characteristic of the season is small berry size. While leading to short yields, this has led to wines of astounding concentration and expression.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Created for the Gundlach Bundschu wine club, this first vintage of an exciting new blend offers the lush, fleshy fruit and smoky character of Syrah with the dense, dark flavors of Cabernet Sauvignon. Together, they are a symbiotic revelation. Like chocolate-covered cherries. Or bacon-wrapped figs. Or bacon-wrapped anything, really. Aromas and flavors are densely packed with wild berries, dark chocolate and wisps of hickory and black pepper, with a smooth, round texture and a long, chewy finish of rich fruit, cocoa and espresso. This elegant blend is intended for your enjoyment within 5-10 years from vintage.

Jeff Bundschu
Sixth Generation Vintner

Keith Emerson
Winemaker

