



# GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

EST. 1858

## 2008 MOUNTAIN CUVÉE SONOMA VALLEY

**VINEYARD** Predominantly Rhinefarm Estate Vineyard

### WINEMAKING

*Vinification:* Each lot processed separately based on distinct profile  
Three- to five-day cold soak  
Concurrent primary and malolactic fermentation  
Extraction through pump-overs, tailored to phenolic profile of each lot  
Pressed before dryness and racked to barrels to complete fermentation  
Lees stirring for three months post fermentation  
Base blend assembled twelve months before bottling  
Final blend assembled two weeks before bottling

*Oak Regimen:* 14 months in predominantly French oak  
Some American & Hungarian oak add spice & coconut nuances

*Composition:* 37% Cabernet Sauvignon  
29% Merlot  
12% Cabernet Franc  
10% Petit Verdot  
7% Malbec  
5% Syrah



*Bottled:* June 2010  
*Case Pack:* 12/750ml  
*Cases Produced:* 4,700  
*Alcohol:* 14.4%  
*pH at Bottling:* 3.78  
*TA at Bottling:* 0.66

### HARVEST NOTES

In 2008, there was more springtime frost than usual, but we were lucky enough to not be greatly affected—unlike some of our neighbors. We found ourselves enduring erratic temperatures in May, with heat spikes followed by cool weather and very little rain. June and July brought heat in combination with smoke strewn across Northern California. Luckily, our grapes were not affected by the smoke to our north. While the harvest was busy at first, mid-September brought cooler weather which slowed ripening, allowing us to catch our breath, and finish out the season calmly. The strong 2008 vintage resulted in small-berried, evenly ripe fruit, and concentrated wines full of distinctive character.

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Soft, rich aromas and flavors of juicy cherry, plum and blackberry, laced with milk chocolate and and roasted coffee bean. Dense, round mouthfeel with soft tannins supporting generous fruit flavors. The long finish is full of berry and cocoa. A lush, fruit-forward wine intended to be enjoyed within five years of vintage.

Jeff Bundschu  
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Winemaker

