



# GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

EST. 1858

## 2006 CABERNET FRANC, ESTATE VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY

**VINEYARD** Rhinefarm Vineyard  
Estate grown, produced and bottled  
Rhyolitic Ash and Alluvial Wash soils at 100 feet elevation  
Single 4.6-acre block planted 1999  
Mt. Veeder clone  
Yield 3.1 tons/acre

### WINEMAKING

*Harvest Dates:* October 12, 2006  
*Brix at Harvest:* 25.4°  
*TA at Harvest:* 0.69g/100ml  
*pH at Harvest:* 3.44  
*Vinification:* Harvested by hand in cool morning hours  
Destemmed to stainless steel fermenters  
Yeast strain: Lalvin D254  
12-day concurrent primary and malolactic fermentation  
Gentle pumpovers throughout fermentation  
Free run separated from press-fraction  
After single racking in tank transferred to barrels  
Lightly fined as needed and filtered to bottle  
*Oak Regimen:* 15 months in 100% French oak, 35% new  
Primary cooper St. Martin



*Composition:* 92% Cabernet Franc  
8% Syrah  
*Bottled:* May 13, 2008  
*Cases Produced:* 743  
*Alcohol:* 14.8%  
*TA at Bottling:* 0.62g/100ml  
*pH at Bottling:* 3.71

### HARVEST NOTES

The 2006 growing season got off to a late, wet start on Rhinefarm, with budbreak beginning at the end of March and generous rainfall late into the spring. High soil moisture going into the growth period allowed the vines to develop large canopies that required vigilant taming to maintain ideal fruit-to-canopy ratios. A record-breaking heat wave in July helped put an end to vegetative growth and spurred the vines onto the business of ripening fruit. The harvest period was nearly perfect, and so in the end the fruit attained excellent phenolic maturity as well as nicely developed varietal characters.

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Deep color and intense aromas of spice and red currant. Juicy blueberry flavors with a touch of meatiness are framed by ripe, broad tannins that give the wine a rich texture and tobacco notes, and carry bright black cherry and boysenberry flavors through a long finish. Delicious upon release, the wine will continue to improve for three to seven years from vintage.

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Sixth Generation Vintner

