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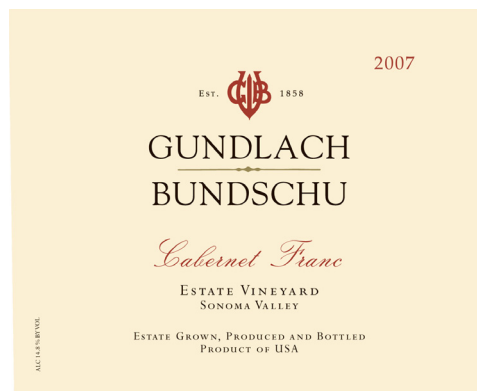
EST. 1858

2007 CABERNET FRANC, ESTATE VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY

VINEYARD Rhinefarm Estate Vineyard
Estate grown, produced and bottled
Sustainably farmed
Rhyolitic Ash and Alluvial Wash soil at 100 feet elevation
Single 4.6-acre block planted 1999
Mt. Veeder clone
Yield 3.5 tons/acre

WINEMAKING

Harvest Dates: October 9, 2007
Brix at Harvest: 26.5°
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
Free run then transferred to barrels
Lightly fined as needed and filtered to bottle
Oak Regimen: 16 months in 100% French oak, 35% new
Primary cooper St. Martin



Composition: 82% Cabernet Franc
16% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Merlot
Bottled: April 28, 2009
Cases Produced: 840
Alcohol: 14.8%
TA at Bottling: 0.64g/100ml
pH at Bottling: 3.75

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 budbreak 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

Intense deep color and aromas of violets, dried lavender and fresh berries. Juicy flavors of wild huckleberry and boysenberry are framed by ripe, broad tannins that give the wine a rich texture and notes of tobacco and pencil lead. The long finish is reminiscent of dark chocolate-covered espresso beans. Delicious upon release, the wine will continue to improve for three to seven years from vintage.

Jeff Bundschu
Sixth Generation Vintner

