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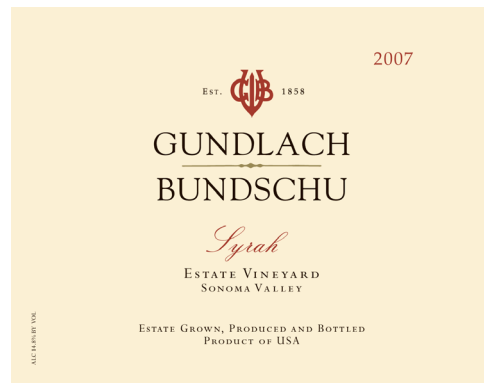
EST. 1858

2007 SYRAH, ESTATE VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY

VINEYARD Rhinefarm Estate Vineyard
 Estate grown, produced and bottled
 Sustainably farmed
 Rhyolitic Ash and Alluvial Wash soils at 210 feet elevation
 Six acres in two blocks planted 1999 and 2000
 Syrah Noir clone
 Yield 2.9 tons/acre

WINEMAKING

Harvest Dates: October 2, 2007
Brix at Harvest: 26.5°
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
 Lightly fined as needed and filtered to bottle.
Oak Regimen: 14 months in 100% French oak, 40% new
 Primarily Burgundian-coopered, high toast



Composition: 87% Syrah
 8% Cabernet Sauvignon
 5% Merlot
Bottled: June 26, 2009
Cases Produced: 590
Alcohol: 14.8%
TA at Bottling: 0.64g/100ml
pH at Bottling: 3.84

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

Rich aromas and flavors of brambly blackberry, hickory, tobacco and chocolate with a lush, fleshy texture. Long lasting finish has notes of black olive and coffee. Will continue to improve with age up to five years from vintage.

Jeff Bundschu
Sixth Generation Vintner

