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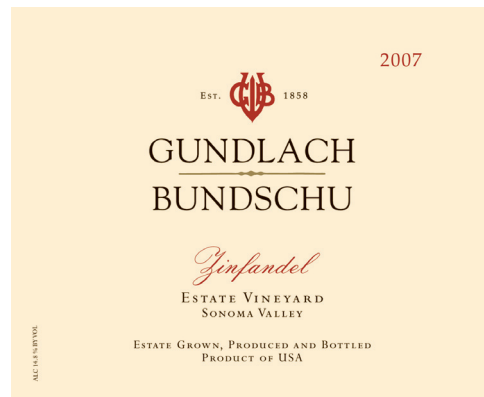
EST. 1858

2007 ZINFANDEL, ESTATE VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY

VINEYARD Estate Vineyard
 Estate grown, produced and bottled
 Rhyolitic Ash and Alluvial Wash soils at 220 feet elevation
 Single eight-and-a-half-acre block planted 1976
 La Paz clone
 Yield 2.1 tons/acre

WINEMAKING

Harvest Dates: October 7, 2007
Brix at Harvest: 26.5°
TA at Harvest: 0.75g/100ml
pH at Harvest: 3.60
Vinification: Harvested by hand in cool morning hours
 Destemmed to stainless steel fermenters
 Yeast strains Prise de Mousse
 12-day concurrent primary and malolactic fermentation
 Gentle pump-overs 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% American oak, 35% new



Bottled: February 6, 2008
Case Pack: 12/750ml
Cases Produced: 1,131
Alcohol: 14.8%
TA at Bottling: 0.61g/100ml
pH at Bottling: 3.83

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 aromas of black cherry, strawberry, rhubarb, dried lavender, and black and white pepper. Initial cherry flavors darken on the palate into black plum, blackberry and chocolate. Medium- to full-bodied, with silky, refined tannin structure, nice oak integration and good length. Ideal cellar time is two to seven years from vintage date. Pair with short ribs, grilled pork, fresh figs and blue cheeses.

Jeff Bundschu
Sixth Generation Vintner

