

GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU WINERY

ROBERT PARKER ROUNDUP 2016

Score!

"Quietly, but powerfully, the Gundlach Bundschu Winery has been on a qualitative highlight tour over recent years. They have been around for more than 30 years in Sonoma, but certainly things continue to go from strength to strength and consumers are well advised to give them plenty of attention. Merlot is often one of their specialties, and I tasted two current releases."

-Robert Parker
Wine Advocate

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2013 HERITAGE MERLOT

POINTS The 2013 Merlot Heritage Selection does indeed remind me of some of the great vintages of Petrus in the 1960s and early 1970s. That wine became more delicate and finesse-styled and lost some of its overwhelming power and richness, but if you are looking for the richer style, Gundlach Bundschu's 2013 Estate Vineyard Merlot is remarkable. This wine offers up notes of graphite, black cherry liqueur, chocolate and espresso. It is full-bodied, multidimensional, and profound. This is a wine to drink over the next 25+ years and likely will be irresistible during that entire window of opportunity.

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon from Sonoma shows juicy crème de cassis fruit, black licorice, nicely integrated toasty oak, an inky purple color and a medium to full-bodied delicious style. This is certainly a major sleeper of the vintage and one of the more attractively priced world-class Cabernet Sauvignons coming out of California's North Coast in this miraculous vintage for Bordeaux varieties. Drink now - 2030+



2013 Merlot

The 2013 Merlot Sonoma is a major winner and sleeper of the vintage as well as realistically priced. Dense ruby/purple to the rim, the powerful black cherry and chocolaty notes are full-bodied and the wine graceful, rich, full-bodied, opulent and irresistible. The mocha/chocolate component in the black fruit is sensational. Drink it over the next decade or more.

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2013 Vintage Reserve 97

The 2013 Proprietary Red Vintage Reserve is the winery's rendition of the very best lots of their Bordeaux varieties blended together and presented in an artistic package. Inky purple to the rim, the wine has flawless integration of acidity, alcohol and tannin, beautiful espresso-infused blackberry and blackcurrant fruit, chocolate, full-bodied opulence, and stunning purity and length. It is special a wine with probably 25-35 years of aging potential, even though it is more accessible than the two Cabernets from Moon Mountain. This is a beauty, so kudos to Gundlach Bundschu. Drink it over the next three decades.



96+

points

2013 BUNDSCHU FAMILY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Bundschu Family from Moon Mountain District, which appears under the label Bundschu (the bottle is a lot heavier as well), has a similar opaque purple color. The wine has beautiful blackberry and crème de cassis notes, licorice, graphite, a full-bodied saturated mouthfeel, sweet, well-integrated tannin, acidity and a long finish of close to 45-50 seconds. This is a blockbuster, world-class Cabernet Sauvignon that proves that there are profound Merlots and Cabernet Sauvignons in Sonoma. This wine will hit its prime in another 5-7 years and last 30-40 or more.

2012 BUNDSCHU FAMILY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Bundschu Family from Moon Mountain is impressive in itself, but not up to the stunning level of richness of the 2013. Loads of crème de cassis, licorice, smoke and mineral are all present in this full-bodied, ripe, impressive Cabernet Sauvignon. It should hit its prime in another 4-5 years and last 20-25.

93+

POINTS

90

points

2013 Mountain Cuvee

This opaque, full-bodied wine has a gorgeous purity, a beautifully layered texture and a heady, rich finish. This is a stunner and quite a steal in the marketplace.