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GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

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Top 100 Wines
for 2017
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COMPOSITION

100% Gewürztraminer

WINEMAKING

Night harvested in five lots
Whole cluster pressed
48 hours cold settled
15% clusters frozen 48 hours then
thawed completely; whole-cluster
pressed, for richness and texture
0.0% residual sugar

COOPERAGE

90% stainless steel
10% neutral oak

ALC/pH/ACID

Alc: 14.3%
pH: 3.44
TA: 0.46 g/100mL

CASES PRODUCED

3,943 cases
Released March 2017

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$25.00


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2016 GEWÜRZTRAMINER

Estate Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

VINTAGE NOTES

With the vines back in balance, 2016 is "magical blend of '14 and '15." A wet winter and warm spring meant an early, healthy start of the growing season, followed by a long, hot, dry summer that led to another early harvest of perfectly mature grapes from the ideal ripening conditions. The resulting wines had some of '15's intense concentration but the evolved tannins and approachability of '14.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Bundschu family's 150+ year-old vineyard is located on the southwestern slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains, just eight miles north of San Pablo Bay. The terrain below 150 foot elevation features gently sloping Huichica clay loam soils with gravel deposits and cooler growing conditions that deliver minerality and focused acidity. Wines grown in these blocks bear the Sonoma Coast designation to reflect their cool climate character. Eleven acres of Heritage Selection vines, planted in 1969, were harvested in two lots and bring spice and floral notes. Nine acres of clone 47 vines, planted in 2008, were harvested in three lots and provide fresh fruit flavors.

TASTING NOTES

Representing 158 years of Gewürztraminer making experience on Rhinefarm, the 2016 proves why we've never questioned making this classic, aromatic white wine. Luscious white blossom aromas with nectarine, ginger, and lemon zest greet your senses while the round, plush texture carries bright flavors of tropical guava, honeycrisp apple, and a citrusy minerality. Kept fresh and lively by vibrant acidity, this dry-style wine is crisp and refreshing.