

GRACEFUL,
RICH,
FULL-BODIED

EST.  1858

GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU



POINTS

91

“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.”

– Robert Parker Jr., *The Wine Advocate*, March 2016

COMPOSITION

84% Merlot
9% Malbec
5% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING

3-to-5-day cold soak
Extraction through gentle pump-overs
Weekly battonage during the native malolactic fermentation

COOPERAGE

17 months
100% French oak, 40% new
Nadalie

ALC/pH/ACID

Alc: 14.7%
pH: 3.70
TA: 0.56 g/100mL

CASES PRODUCED

2,263 cases
Released August 2016




SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$35.00

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2013 MERLOT

Sonoma Valley

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Eight miles north of San Pablo Bay, the Bundschu family's 158 year-old vineyard wraps around the southwest slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains. The terrain features steep, southwest-facing hillsides of shallow, rocky soils of volcanic ash and alluvial wash. Pervasive maritime breezes and long daylight exposure allow fruit to develop intense concentration while retaining vibrant structure. A portion is sourced from warmer vineyard sites in Sonoma Valley to add lushness to the mid-palate.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Being championed by the Bundschu family since 1976 as a single-varietal wine, the 2013 once again proves why the gospel of Gun Bun and Sonoma Valley Merlot should be sung from the rooftops. The vintage itself has shown great depth and structure across the board and this is as big and dark of a Merlot as we have ever made. However, while full of the power and character that would satisfy any Cabernet lover, it is not a heavy wine.

TASTING NOTES

Huge flavors upfront reveal nuanced layers that will entice and please all who love great red wine. The lush nose leads with purple and blue fruits, elegant floral notes and dark spice. A well-balanced blend of young tannins and lively acidity ensconce flavors of plum, black cherries and raspberries, fresh herbs, and chocolate that resonate through the ever-lingering finish. This sermon for your senses will gratify you now but has the ageability to benefit from an additional seven years from vintage and continue to develop at least 12-15.