

FULL-BODIED OPULENCE & STUNNING PURITY

EST.  1858

GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

POINTS **97**

"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."

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

COMPOSITION

82% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Cabernet Franc
6% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING

Six lots hand- and optically-sorted and gravity fed to fermentation vessels.
Five day cold soak; D254 and indigenous yeast strains
26-28 days maceration
Extraction through gentle pump-overs

COOPERAGE

20 months
100% French oak, 65% new
Taransaud, Quintessence,
Ermitage and Demptos

ALC/pH/ACID

Alc: 14.8%
pH: 3.85
TA: 0.64 g/100mL

CASES PRODUCED

1,082 cases
Released August 2016

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2013 VINTAGE RESERVE

Sonoma Valley

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Since 1981, the Bundschu family has crafted a limited bottling of the vintage's most elegant and expressive vines with the designation Vintage Reserve. Executive Winemaker Keith Emerson selects individual barrels to blend a wine that showcases the distinctive character of Cabernet-family grapes grown on the southwest slopes of the Mayacamas Mountain Range. Our 150+ year old estate vineyard lies eight miles north of San Pablo Bay on steep, shallow soils of volcanic ash and tufa, exposed to pervasive maritime breezes, long daylight hours and extreme diurnal temperature shifts. Top blocks are farmed specifically for Vintage Reserve that yield 2.5 tons/acre. Lots sourced from other high elevation sites in Sonoma Valley add weight to the midpalate and a juicy component to the well-structured Cabernet Sauvignon from our cooler climate estate vineyard.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Vintage Reserve represents the pinnacle of what Gundlach Bundschu produces each year. In 2013, Mother Nature blessed us with yet another exemplary growing year for great Bordeaux-style wines on Rhinefarm. The vintage itself has shown great depth and structure, and this powerful Cabernet Sauvignon-based wine provides the muscle you would expect from a flagship wine with the elegance, polish and refinement that can only come from a cool climate.

TASTING NOTES

Generally, 32 years isn't a milestone but when legendary wine critic Robert Parker, Jr. bestowed our 32nd Vintage Reserve 97 points, we declared it one. The 2013 Vintage Reserve is loaded with berries, dark chocolate, violets and dried herbs, espresso, toasty vanilla, and rich earth. Supple tannins meld with blackberries, red currants and cocoa powder to offer mouth-filling texture, great acidity and a lingering finish. This vintage will mature for another 32 years if you're patient or decant for 3+ hours if you're not.

In our third installment in the *Groundworks* label series, artist Nate Reifke calls this piece "Energy." For more information about our label series, please visit Gunbun.com/VR