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# GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

THE SONOMA ORIGINAL

## 2021 MOUNTAIN CUVÉE

*A Bordeaux-Obsessed Blend from Sonoma County*

**TASTING NOTES:** Our Mountain Cuvée is a Bordeaux-obsessed blend featuring layer upon layer of ripe fruit - think boysenberry, cranberry and pomegranate - followed by a hint of toasty oak. This medium-bodied red blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cab Franc and Malbec is packed with juicy red fruit, black currants and a dark chocolate finish. We're getting silky tannins. Hints of oak and cedar. And, an elegant structure with a finish that's a real crowd-pleaser. Enjoy it on its own or paired up with something as perfectly unassuming as the wine (we especially love it with backyard burgers).

**FROM DIRT TO BOTTLE:** Relying on the Bundschu Family's 160+ years of Sonoma vineyard knowledge, the grapes for Mountain Cuvée are sourced from our Rhinefarm estate as well as fruit hand-selected from vineyards along the Mayacamas Mountain range to strike that perfect balance between fruit, tannin and acid. We source only from sustainable growers, with our primary vineyards coming from within 2 miles of our estate. This method allows us to get to know the vineyard and find the best way to approach it in the winery. During the winemaking process, we blend vineyard blocks together, evaluate, and then create an oak program to place the finishing touches on the wine. We call this managing the wine from dirt to bottle.

**THE BLEND :** 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

92

Points

*"This red offers stand-out scents of dark chocolate and blackberry cobbler. Rich and round, with supple tannins and a dusty mouthfeel. Coffee and wildflowers combine for an expansive array of flavor and aromas. Plum and oak enter mid-way, tangling with good acidity for fine food-pairing abilities."*

— Tasting Panel, **2021 vintage**

93

Points

*"Based on Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, the ruby/purple-hued 2019 Red Wine Sonoma County gives up a juicy, lively style reminiscent of Bordeaux with its red and black currants, tobacco leaf, and cedar aromas and flavors. With beautiful fruit, medium-bodied richness, and silky tannins, it's an undeniably delicious red to enjoy over the coming decade or more."*

— Jeb Dunnuck, **2019 vintage**

91

Points

*"If you see it, buy it and don't look back. If you can afford it, grab a case. This is one hell of an affordable American red blend. It has a soft and deep palate with plush fruit framed by prominent tannins...It's the kind of wine that will please a crowd, match a meal, or sit and chill with you and some snacks."*

— Vinepair, **2018 vintage**

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