

2019 Vintage Reserve

Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County

The pinnacle of our portfolio

VINTAGE NOTES

2019 was an exciting year for mother nature in Northern California. Winter was filled with high winds and record-breaking rainfall that continued into early spring. The extreme weather favored our grapes and meant little irrigation was needed during the growing season. In many ways 2019 mimicked the growing conditions of 2018: a relatively cool spring followed by a warm summer and a near-perfect harvest - beginning only a day earlier than the year prior. Temperatures were slightly warmer which resulted in lower acid levels and riper fruit characteristics, but a moderate growing season allowed for exceptional hangtime across all varieties. Adding to the excitement of harvest, epic winds during the fall led to historic power shut-offs which left us running off generator power. 2019 is truly a vintage that will be remembered for not only producing excellent wines but great stories as well.

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. Winemaker Joe Uhr 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 165-year-old estate vineyard lies eight miles north of San Pablo Bay on steep, shallow soils of volcanic ash, exposed to pervasive maritime breezes, long daylight hours and extreme diurnal temperature shifts. Top blocks with less yields are farmed specifically for Vintage Reserve.

LABEL ARTWORK & TASTING NOTES

Our Vintage Reserve represents the pinnacle of our portfolio. Each label is a commissioned artwork honoring a nuance of our estate; artist Chris McNally honors the refurbished 1953 International Panel Truck, now historical property centerpiece, fondly referred to as "Boss Lady" in this watercolor painting on the label.

Since 1981, the Bundschu Family has crafted a limited Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve bottling from the most elegant and expressive barrels. Every year, it acts as our north star for our winemaking decisions. We pick the best blocks and the best barrels, and the resulting wine is an elegant and well-balanced expression of the terroir. Our 2019 Vintage Reserve consists of layers that unfold in every swirl, sniff and sip. Upon first impressions, you'll find rich aromas of baking chocolate, violet, purple sage and pencil shavings that highlight its complex flavor profile. With flavors of spiced plum, dried lavender, vanilla beans and toasted star anise, this wine leans more powerful and thick on the palate. While delicious at any time you choose to enjoy it, our Vintage Reserve has the finesse to age 20+ years.

COMPOSITION

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9%
Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec

WINEMAKING

Eight lots optically sorted
Gravity fed to fermentation
vessels
Extraction through gentle pump-
overs
Native malolactic fermentation

ALC / PH / ACID

Alc: 14.9%
pH: 3.84
TA: 5.3 g/L

COOPERAGE

18 months 100%
French Oak, 70% New

PRODUCTION

1050 cases

PRICE

\$142.00