



GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

EST. 1858

2010 VINTAGE RESERVE, SONOMA VALLEY

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- Since 1981, the Bundschu family has crafted a limited bottling from the most elegant and expressive barrels of the vintage 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 8 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 farmed specifically for Vintage Reserve yield 2.5 tons/acre.
- A few miles north of our estate along the ridge at an elevation of 2,000+ feet lies Bismark Mountain Ranch, with similar soils and exposure and slightly warmer temperatures. Lots sourced from this high elevation site add weight to the midpalate and a juicy component to the well-structured cabernet sauvignon from our cooler-climate estate vineyard.

WINEMAKING & ANALYSES

- Five lots hand- and optically-sorted & gravity fed to fermentation vessels.
- Five day cold soak; indigenous yeast strains. 28-32 days maceration.
- Extraction through gentle pumpovers tailored by lot, using louvers and screens to eliminate pumping skins and seeds.
- Twenty months in 100% French oak, 65% new. Thin stave, tight grain. Primary cooper: Taransaud, Ermitage and Demptos.
- 85% cabernet sauvignon, 11% cabernet franc, 3% petit verdot, 1% malbec
- 14.9% alcohol. TA 0.60g/100ml. pH 3.78
- 792 cases produced. Released September 2013.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

The 2010 Vintage Reserve is deeply layered and highly polished. Lush aromas of cassis and dark cocoa are laced with floral notes. The dense flavors of black currant, blackberry and dark chocolate shavings are seamlessly supported by the bold structure that gives the wine tremendous depth, length and intensity. Remarkably round and smooth in its youth, this wine has the balance and concentration to ensure it will age gracefully up to 20 years from vintage.

Jeff Bundschu
Sixth Generation Vintner

Keith Emerson
Winemaker



ABOUT THE LABEL

Each Vintage Reserve label bears a work of art that celebrates the unique history and spirit of Gundlach Bundschu.

The 2010 is the last of six labels in the American Landscape series which features original works from artists around the U.S. that embody the local heritage of their own communities.

The series was inspired by the Bundschu Family's road trip around the country in commemoration of the winery's 150th anniversary. The experience inspired us to create a series of Vintage Reserve labels celebrating America's diverse communities and our common passion for local food, nature & culture. Previous vintages featured artists from New Orleans, Chicago, Maine, Santa Fe and the Pacific Northwest.

The final image in the series brings us back home to Sonoma. Nancy Bundschu commissioned acclaimed watercolorist Dick Cole to paint a birthday gift for her husband Jim. 'Gentle Giants' captures the pair of watusi cattle raised by Jim and Nancy alongside top cabernet sauvignon vines outside their front door on Rhinefarm.

Mr. Cole is a fourth generation Californian whose work is exhibited and collected throughout the United States.

