



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 15.0%

PH: 3.76

TA: 5.6 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 100% new French oak

HARVEST DATE: October 15, 2023

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST PREMIUM WINERY  
SINCE 1857

*Buena Vista Winery*

## THE FOUNDER

### RED WINE

SONOMA COUNTY

VINTAGE 2023

The Founder Red Wine from Buena Vista Winery celebrates and honors Buena Vista's founder, Count Agoston Haraszthy, and the pioneering role he played in creating the California wine world. The Founder, true to the Count's legacy, is a bold wine with a gold medallion predominantly featuring the Haraszthy family crest adorning the bottle.

The Count of Buena Vista, Agoston Haraszthy, was a vivacious pioneer whose love affair with grape-growing started in his homeland of Hungary. Surrounded by tales of intrigue and political exile, the Count emigrated from Europe in 1840 in pursuit of opportunity and freedom in the burgeoning American West. He ultimately settled in Sonoma where he founded Buena Vista Winery in 1857.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Founder is crafted primarily from Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from the elevated slopes of Pelkan in Knights Valley, complemented by fruit from Bidwell on the valley floor, creating a dynamic interplay of mountain intensity and valley-floor purity. Additional selections from distinguished sites across Sonoma Valley, including the storied Moon Mountain, further enhance its depth. The wine was fermented in closed-top fermenters with extended maceration to amplify structure and complexity, then aged for 19 months in 100% new French oak before being bottled unfiltered, preserving its full character and integrity.

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2023 vintage of The Founder, draped in a luxuriant, ruby-black sheen, captivates with an alluring bouquet of wild blackberry, lush cassis, cooling eucalyptus, and dark, silky cocoa, threaded with a hint of caramelized vanilla bean. On the palate, it unveils layered bursts of sun-kissed raspberry and ripe bramble fruit, supported by refined mineral undertones and a breath of sculpted cedar. This full-bodied expression carries supple, interwoven tannins, a sumptuous, velour-like texture, and concludes with a deep, echoing finish that resonates long after the last sip.