



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.84

TA: 5.5 g/L

AGING: 23 months in 100% French oak
(71% new French oak)

HARVEST DATE: September 12, 2024



Buena Vista Winery

THE FOUNDER

RED WINE

SONOMA COUNTY

VINTAGE 2024

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 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 23 months in 71% new French oak before being bottled unfiltered, preserving its full character and integrity.

TASTING NOTES

With an intense garnet hue and inky purple undertones, our 2024 vintage reveals an expressive bouquet of ripe black cherry, concentrated boysenberry, and accented by hints of aromatic sage, bittersweet chocolate, and toasted vanilla. On the palate, generous layers of black plum and crushed raspberry unfold alongside nuances of graphite, warm spice, and finely integrated oak. Rich and full-bodied, this captivating expression offers polished, velvety tannins and a beautifully balanced structure, culminating in a long, resonant finish marked by depth, elegance, and remarkable persistence.