



By Insiders.

For Insiders.

PUNCH BRACERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec.

Grown predominantly on Spring Mountain and Diamond Mountain in Napa Valley.

Alcohol 14.5%; Residual Sugar 0.18%; Volatile Acidity .67 g/L; Titratable Acidity 4.4g/L; pH 3.89

150 cases made. Drink 2017-2023. Winemaker: Miguel Caratachea.

Bracero - A Mexican national working as an agricultural laborer in the United States from 1942-1964, or similarly a railroad worker from 1942-1945. "One who works with his arms."

VINTAGE 2013

Vintage 2014 is was the midpoint in a three year drought. In other words, the weather was warm and dry. Luckily, our secret sources are mostly on the west hillsides of Napa Valley – in other words, on east facing slopes as the sun swung over head. The nooks and crannies on mountain vineyards makes it tricky to find just the right spots from year to year, but our insider connections came through again.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Punch Bracero is the most elevated, concentrated expression of Punch's style, emphasizing: (1) the pure flavors from the grapes; (2) velvety mouthfeel; and (3) mouthwatering finish. The wine was aged for 21 months in new French oak barrels, but the flavors and textures from the grapes dominate the wine, and will do so for ten or fifteen years.

OUR APPROACH

Bracero is made by Director of Winemaking Miguel Caratachea to honor his father, Conrado. As a bracero, Conrado traveled California to work the fields and orchards, which lead him to Napa Valley. His youngest son, Miguel, went to work in cellar here and learned to make Cabernet Sauvignon before he graduated from high school. He is a minor celebrity amongst Napa Valley's vineyard and cellar hands, who tune in to Miguel's weekly sports talk radio show in Spanish – and keep him constantly informed on growing conditions, overlooked top quality grapes, and extra lots available from elite vintners. Few winemakers in the valley are as well informed as Miguel. He has made many highly rated wines for other Napa Valley producers; Bracero is his chance to make one under his own name.

Miguel harvested very small lots of grapes from the best vineyards he knew in 2013, high atop Diamond and Spring Mountains. The same components from Punch's \$45 Cabernet Sauvignon, but in different proportion, are included in Bracero, which contains all five red Bordeaux varieties, in keeping with Napa Valley's finest producers.

– Lee Nordlund, Proprietor & Miguel Caratachea, Director of Winemaking

At Punch Vineyards we strive to craft unique wines that are highly gratifying to the natural sensitivities of experienced and casual wine drinkers alike. We break away from conventional techniques to express only flavors and textures from the grapes, with a velvety mouthfeel and mouthwatering finish unique to Punch.