

PUNCH

VINEYARDS

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PUNCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot.

The core of the wine was grown on Spring Mountain in Napa Valley, with lots from other Napa Valley and Sonoma vineyards.

Alcohol 14.5%; Residual Sugar 0.23%; Volatile Acidity .54g/L; Titratable Acidity 6.8g/L; pH 3.79

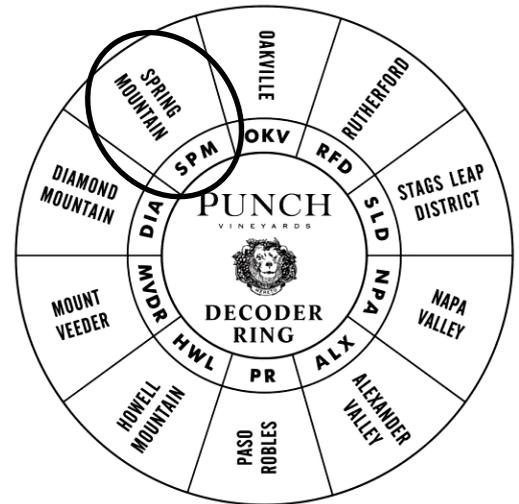
Director of Winemaking: Miguel Caratachea. 652 cases made. Suggested retail price: \$49.99.

This Cabernet Sauvignon was made from almost certainly the very last Napa Valley hillside grapes to be picked before the horrific harvest fires of 2017.

On October 8, 2017 Miguel sensed a danger in air that no other winemaker could have imagined. So after church he did the unthinkable and called Punch's crew up to Spring Mountain on their family day, their only day off, to pick in the nerve-scorching hillside wind and labor all night to finish the crush. By dawn our vintage was safe in the cellar. But Napa Valley was encircled in flames. This wine is a tribute to Miguel, and proves once again what Punch insiders already know: that he is one of the most naturally gifted winemakers in Napa Valley.

The first "Super-Californian". Do not be fooled by the "California" label appellation. This is how Punch keeps quality amongst the very highest in Napa Valley but keeps the name-droppers away. Punch compares to a \$75+ Napa Valley Cab. Why? Because Punch is sourced *from the same vineyards as \$75-\$200 Napa Valley Cabs* (secret decoder ring on right). Drinkable upon release. Age Punch 10+ years if you like. But why wait?

How we do it. The *Circle of Punch* has excellent Napa Valley connections and experience – Robert Mondavi, Franciscan, Mount Veeder Winery, Beringer to name a but a few. We bear little ego – we just want the wine! Our *primus inter pares* is Miguel Caratachea, the best winemaker no one has heard of outside of the valley. He is the consulting winemaker for several well known "cult" wineries and has won dozens of 93-98 point wines. On Monday evenings Miguel hosts a sports talk show on America's oldest Spanish radio station, KBBF. Thus, Miguel is a local celebrity among those who are closest to Napa Valley's best wines: the vineyard workers and cellar hands who actually handle the wines. They tune in to Miguel and tip him off to which vineyards have the best grapes each vintage. We buy those special lots before the high and mighty find out about them and raise the prices. *Hee-bee*. Sources may change; quality and value don't.



DECODER RING: look for the secret code in the little box on Punch's back label. This indicates the primary grape source each vintage. Vintage 2017 is core Spring Mountain.

Wine List Description: Classic hillside Napa Valley Cab style with concentrated flavors of black cherry, blackberry, subtle spices and rose petal. Fine, firm tannins from grape skins, with subtle vanilla notes from oak barrel aging. Old world like velvety texture & long, mouth-watering finish.