

PUNCH

VINEYARDS

By Insiders.



For Insiders.

PUNCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot.

Grown primarily in Oakville in Napa Valley, with lots from other Napa Valley and Sonoma vineyards.

Alcohol 14.5%; Residual Sugar 0.29%; Volatile Acidity .68g/L; Titratable Acidity 6.8g/L; pH 3.80.

Aged 20 months in French oak barrels, 15% new.

Director of Winemaking: Miguel Caratachea. 472 cases made. Suggested retail price: \$45.

Punch 2018 was sourced primarily from a hillside vineyard in Oakville, Napa Valley. After the horrendous drama of the 2017 harvest fires, vintage 2018 was mercifully uneventful. The summer was warm, without heat spikes until the very end when we picked the grapes under perfect conditions.

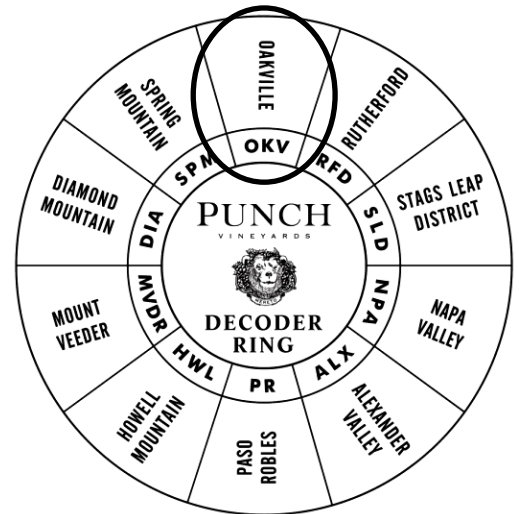
Punch 2018 displays its Oakville pedigree with bounding aromas and flavors of black cherries and boysenberries interlaced with accents of lavender, dried bay leaf and graphite. The texture is round and easy, with fine tannins lending “grip” near the finish, which is hallmark Punch: long and mouthwatering, keeping the palate intrigued and anxious for the next sip. Once again, Miguel’s deep kinship with his grapes is on display for Punch Insiders to enjoy.

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 \$70+ Napa Valley Cab. Why? Because Punch is sourced *from the same vineyards as \$70-\$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. Our *primus inter pares* is Miguel Caratachea, who 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 take possession of those special lots before the high and mighty wineries find out about them, and use them for Punch. Sources may change; quality and value don’t.

Wine List Description: Classic hillside Napa Valley Cab style with concentrated flavors of black cherry, boysenberry, lavender, dried bay leaf and hints of graphite. Fine, supporting tannins from grape skins, with subtle vanilla notes from oak barrel aging. Old world like velvety texture & long, mouth-watering finish.



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 2018 is core Oakville.

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