

PUNCH

VINEYARDS

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PUNCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

– Napa Valley –

Made by Miguel Caratachea

83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot, 2% Malbec.

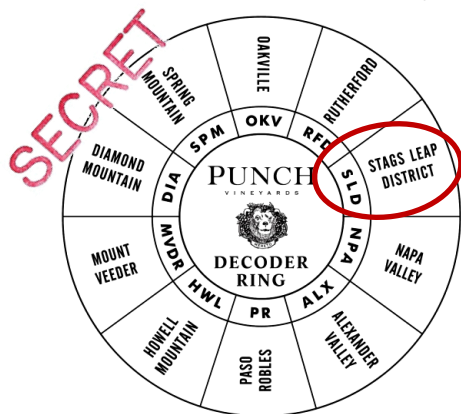
Alcohol 14.5%; Residual Sugar 0.31%; Volatile Acidity .59g/L; Titratable Acidity 6.9g/L; pH 3.77

Aged 20 months in French oak barrels, 15% new. 418 cases made. Winery price: \$45

WINE LIST DESCRIPTION

Punch hillside Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon artistically expresses the complete natural grandeur of the grapes through pure, ornate varietal aromas and flavors – including black cherry, sour cherry and pomegranate with accents of rose petal and walnut – on a silk-smooth palate borne of fine skin tannins, with a singularly long, mouthwatering finish.

Look for Punch's secret code on the back label to decode the primary source of each vintage.



VINTAGE 2019

Punch 2019 was grown primarily on a Punch insider's vineyard in the Stags Leap District, known for nuanced wines that start subtly and expand on the palate. Bud break came early, in mid March, and a mild summer leisurely extended maturation until very warm September days parleyed with cool nights for heightened sugar-acid balance, finishing with harvest October 14-22.

Winemakers throughout Napa Valley describe the vintage as “sensational”, and “classic”. Our word for Punch 2019 is “majestic”. The wine rises gracefully with myriad layers of high-brow flavors and silky texture, and commands sip-after-sip fealty with its elegant, long-reigning finish.

WINEMAKING

For Punch's unique, natural style Miguel revives long-lost secrets of the old masters combined with novel techniques of his own, and spends many late nights in the cellar, sometimes sleeping with the wine. The grapes were hand-picked under Miguel's watchful eye and crushed gently to minimize coarse skin and seed tannins. The wine was fermented very cold using slow-acting yeasts selected specifically for each vintage. Four laborious cycles of "délestage" (rack-and-return) draw out more pronounced, pure varietal flavors and rich mid-palate texture. The wine was aged in French oak barrels for twenty months, during which the barrels were topped monthly by Miguel personally to keep the abundant flavors fresh through bottling. The wine will become increasingly smooth, complex, and elegant for 10 years.

WHO IS PUNCH?

Punch was founded by long-time Napa Valley wine professionals and a friendly California grizzly to make stylish Napa Valley wines that they and their wine-industry friends could afford for themselves. Our philosophy is that everything good in a wine – pure varietal flavors, naturally appealing textures, and an alluring, mouth-watering finish – with great care can be drawn solely from the grapes. The maker's hand should be imperceptible in the finished wine. No hyper-extraction, undignified alcohol or clumsy oak.. Winemaker Miguel Caratachea began his career at age 14 working after school at Frog's Leap Winery. Word of his natural talent spread quickly and he has become the trusted consultant behind nearly one hundred 90+ wines from *Wine Advocate*, *Wine Spectator* and *Wine Enthusiast*. Partner Lee Nordlund began at Beringer and Delicato and was estate director at Robert Mondavi Winery and Franciscan before starting Punch.