

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST PREMIUM WINERY

SINCE 1857



Buena Vista Winery

THE FOUNDER

2014

SONOMA COUNTY
RED WINE



Alcohol: 15%

TA: 5.6 g/L

pH: 3.64

Aging: 100% French Oak, 50% new for
21 months

Varietals: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon,
9% Malbec, 1% Merlot

Appellation: Sonoma County

The 2014 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. Born into the landed nobility in Hungary, Haraszthy grew up amidst famed vineyards and orchards that had been in his family for centuries. 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. Following the forty-niners in search of gold in the hills of Northern California, Haraszthy sought "purple gold" – the perfect 'terroir' for exceptional wine. He ultimately settled in Sonoma, birthplace of California and capital of the short-lived California Republic, where he founded Buena Vista Winery in 1857.

The Founder is an expressive blend, bringing together Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Merlot harvested from distinguished vineyards across Sonoma Valley including the renowned Moon Mountain. The wine was fermented in closed-top fermenters with extended maceration and was aged in 100% French oak (50% new) for 21 months before being bottled unfiltered.

The 2014 vintage of The Founder Red Wine opens with inviting aromas of ripe berries, pie crust and hints of cinnamon and nutmeg. Flavors of raspberry, ripe plum and mocha with a touch of spice spread across the palate. Well-balanced acidity, soft tannins and full body make this wine delightful upon release but will also age well for the next 10+ years.

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