

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST PREMIUM WINERY

SINCE 1857



Buena Vista Winery

THE FOUNDER

2016

SONOMA COUNTY
RED WINE



Alcohol: 15.5%

TA: 5.6 g/L

pH: 3.75

Aging: 100% French Oak,
50% new for 20 months

Varieties: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon,
23% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Sonoma County

The 2016 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 that country, 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 49ers 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 of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc harvested from distinguished vineyards across Sonoma Valley including the Ledson Terraces as well as Bidwell and Pelkan vineyards in Knights Valley. It was fermented in closed-top fermenters and aged in 100% French oak for 20 months before being bottled unfiltered.

The 2016 vintage of The Founder Red Wine opens with dark fruit aromas of blackberry, black cherry and plum while black pepper notes and vanilla come through on the palate. Cabernet Franc provides a touch of length, elegance and aromatic complexity. Well-balanced acidity and firm tannins make this wine delightful upon release but will also age well for the next 10+ years.

Buena Vista Historic Winery
Sonoma, CA 95476

18000 Old Winery Road
800.326.1266

www.buonavistawinery.com