

DUCKHORN®

VINEYARDS

2019 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

After falling in love with Merlot during a visit to Bordeaux, Dan Duckhorn started producing Duckhorn Vineyards Merlot in 1978. In the years since, grapes from the Napa portion of Carneros have played a pivotal role in our Napa Valley Merlot program. Influenced by the cooling effect of the Pacific Ocean, Carneros is ideally suited for growing exceptional Merlot, yielding a wine with beautiful structure, velvety texture and lovely layers of plum and mulberry.

VINTAGE NOTES

2019 brought another exceptional vintage to Napa Valley, resulting in wines with alluring polish and poise! The season began with a wet winter followed by a mild spring. While this led to a slightly later-than-normal start to the season, ideal summer weather with no significant heat spikes ensured ideal flavor development, yielding complex and vibrant whites, and refined reds with elegant tannins, enticing aromatics and beautiful fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

From its tantalizing aromas of ripe cherry and black plum to its fine-grained tannins and lively complexity, this is a lovely expression of Napa Valley Merlot. On the palate, the flavors are rich and fleshy, with luxurious layers of black currant, red licorice, fig compote, blueberry and crushed rose petal flowing to a long, elegant finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
SUB-APPELLATION	Carneros, Calistoga, Oak Knoll, Yountville, Napa Valley, Howell Mountain
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	90% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 15 months in 100% French oak 40% new, 60% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.63
ACIDITY	0.56 g/100 ml



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