

DUCKHORN VINEYARDS



NAPA VALLEY

2007 Estate Grown Napa Valley Merlot *Rector Creek Vineyard*

2007 Harvest Notes

The 2007 growing season began early and was unusually dry, with rainfall totals that were 50 percent below average. Cool spring weather continued into the summer with temperatures down by approximately 5 degrees from August through October. The cool, steady weather produced a long harvest spread out over 80 days. This relaxed pace allowed us to pick in multiple passes, ensuring ideal ripening and flavor development in the fruit.

Comments from the Winemaker

Only produced in exceptional vintages, this vineyard-designate Merlot from our mid-valley Rector Creek Vineyard offers a beautiful case study in terroir. Though still displaying the complexity and structure for which our Merlots are known, this unique wine highlights a defining grace and refinement, with sophisticated aromatics and distinctive blueberry notes. It begins with exotic layers of Asian spice, red plum, chestnut, lavender and vanilla, before revealing a velvety texture, firm, ripe tannins and alluring flavors of blueberry, cherry, mocha and walnut.

Varietal Content

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley - Yountville
Harvest Dates: September 7 – October 26, 2007
Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.2° Brix
1 Estate Vineyard - Rector Creek Vineyard

Cooperage

100% French Oak, Chateau-Style Barrels (60 gallons)
Barrel Aging: 20 Months
Age of Barrels: 100% New

Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%
Titratable Acidity: 0.61 g/100ml
pH: 3.49

Bottled: July 2009
Released: May 2010