

DUCKHORN  
VINEYARDS



**2010 Estate Grown Napa Valley Merlot**  
*Rector Creek Vineyard*

**2010 Harvest Notes**

Due to a wet spring and mild growing season the 2010 harvest started two weeks later than we would normally expect. Later, milder seasons tend to result in wines of fine elegance and balanced natural acidity. This is exactly what we see in our white wines and the best reds from superior locations. During harvest the conditions (a strong heat wave and then significant late rains), caused us to be very diligent in the vineyards fine tuning the fruit and making timely picking decisions. In the winery we took precautions to be respectful to the characteristics of the fruit and feel that has resulted in wines of character and intrigue.

**Comments from the Winemaker**

From its layered aromas of ripe red cherry, mascarpone, earth and almonds to its supple texture and lingering finish, this is a complex and compelling Merlot. As the wine evolves in the glass, intense flavors of licorice, dark cherry, blackberry, violets and sage emerge with age-worthy tannins adding depth and focus to a long, satisfying finish.

**Varietal Content**

83% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Harvest Information**

Appellation: Napa Valley - Yountville  
Harvest Dates: October 11 – November 3, 2010  
Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.4° Brix  
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**Cooperage**

100% French Oak, Chateau-Style Barrels (60 gallons)  
Barrel Aging: 18 Months  
Age of Barrels: 95% New, 5% second vintage

**Production/Technical Data**

Alcohol: 14.5%  
Titratable Acidity: 0.59 g/100ml  
pH: 3.52

Bottled: July 2012  
Released: April 2013