

DUCKHORN®

VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



## 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

At Duckhorn Vineyards we have been producing Cabernet Sauvignon since 1978. Bringing together fruit from Estate vineyards and top independent growers, this wine embodies the flavorful complexity of Napa Valley winegrowing, while offering a seamless balance between fruit, oak and tannins. To add nuance to classic Cabernet elements of currant, cherry and plum, the blend also includes Merlot, yielding a layered wine that is approachable in its youth, yet worthy of cellaring.

### 2012 Harvest Notes

2012 offered near-perfect growing conditions. Though budbreak was late due to heavy spring rains, warm weather during bloom allowed the vines to set a large crop. Increased yields were the result of more berries, not larger berries. This translated into even higher quality in the winery, as the skin-to-juice ratio remained ideal. Slightly cooler-than-average post-veraison weather, and a lack of any heat events allowed for greatly extended hang time. Harvest was 2-3 weeks later than average, and the grapes arrived at the winery in pristine condition.

### Comments from the Winemaker

Both generous and graceful, this is a lovely expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon with aromas of black raspberry, red currant, vanilla bean and milk chocolate. On the palate, firm yet supple tannins add weight and structure, supporting layers of plum, raspberry and cinnamon spice.

### Varietal Content

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

### Harvest Information

Harvest Dates: September 1 — November 3, 2012

Average Sugar at Harvest: 25.5° Brix

### Cooperage

100% French oak château-style barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 16 Months

Age of Barrels: 30% New, 70% Second Vintage

### Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.61 g/100ml

pH: 3.66

Bottled: April 2014

Released: March 2015

