

DUCKHORN
VINEYARDS



2013 Estate Grown Napa Valley Merlot *Rector Creek Vineyard*

Rector Creek Vineyard is located north of the town of Yountville along the Silverado Trail. A unique climate featuring a cooling afternoon breeze combined with Rector Creek's rocky alluvial soils creates excellent growing conditions for the vines. As a result, Rector Creek produces an elegant expression of Merlot with attractive blueberry and allspice aromatics, velvety structure and refined character highlighting classic notes of spicy plum.

2013 Harvest Notes

The 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent with all of our Estate fruit in the winery by October 10th. A warm dry spring brought an early bud break and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. In the weeks after Labor Day, a moderate heat event followed by a period of perfect weather created a dream scenario for end-of-season ripening. Rain was not a factor, and for the second vintage in a row, the quality of the grapes was exceptional throughout Napa Valley.

Comments from the Winemaker

The warmer 2013 vintage yielded a wine that showcases a beautifully intense expression of everything we love about Rector Creek Merlot. It starts with voluptuous flavors of blueberry, acai, red currant and violet that unfold across a richly structured palate. Though this is a robust wine, it also has the finesse and velvety finish we prize in our Rector Creek Merlot.

Varietal Content

95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley - Yountville

Harvest Dates: September 20 – October 11, 2013

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.3° Brix

1 Vineyard Harvested

Cooperage

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

Barrel Aging: 18 Months

Age of Barrels: 75% New, 25% Second vintage

Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.54g/100ml

pH: 3.70

Bottled: July 22, 2015

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