

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

2018 THE DISCUSSION NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

Almost four decades ago, before crafting their first vintage, the Duckhorns and their winemaker had a passionate discussion at the kitchen table. Though they debated making a cuvée, they chose to focus on varietal wines. Even so, Duckhorn Vineyards has always remained fascinated by the artful blend of varietals from diverse Napa Valley vineyards. Embodying the depth and complexity of a world-class Estate program, The Discussion represents the pinnacle of the Duckhorn Vineyards portfolio and the ongoing dialogue that defines great winemaking.

VINTAGE NOTES

For both red and white grapes, 2018 offered near picture-perfect growing conditions, with mild spring and summer weather, and no significant heat events. The conditions were ideal for both our Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc, which show beautiful tropical notes and ripe flavors at low sugars. While our Chardonnay harvest began about three weeks later than normal, the fruit arrived at the winery in pristine condition, producing dynamic and complex wines. The excellent growing conditions naturally resulted in a slightly larger than average crop for our red Bordeaux varieties, with fully lignified seeds at low sugars levels. With temperate weather throughout fall, we were able to pick each block at optimal ripeness, yielding exceptionally juicy and polished red wines, with plush, well-rounded tannins, and lovely overall structure.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Crafted from our finest blocks and barrels of Estate fruit, the 2018 vintage of The Discussion is rich, radiant and profoundly complex. As it evolves in the glass, enticing aromas of black cherry, red currant and rose petals mingle with sophisticated hints of hazelnut, clove, caramel and fig preserves. On the plush, silky palate, juicy layers of plum, tayberry and chocolatecovered blueberries are framed by elegantly structured tannins, with notes of red licorice, mint, maple and sage adding drama and complexity to a long, dynamic finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	25% Three Palms Vineyard, 20% Patzimaro Vineyard, 19% Rector Creek Vineyard, 15% Monitor Ledge Vineyard, 11% Cork Tree Vineyard, 10% Stout Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged a total of 24 months in barrel 18 months in new French oak followed by 6 months in neutral barrels
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.65
ACIDITY	0.60 g/100 ml



THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO



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