

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

2022 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

Winter and spring provided ample rain, which allowed the vines to set a generous crop with excellent canopies. Budbreak arrived a little over a week early, and we enjoyed warm, steady weather throughout spring and summer. We began picking Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and some Merlot as early as mid-August, but the first big push began after a Labor Day heat event, when our generous canopies paid dividends, helping shade the grapes. After a busy few weeks, a cool spell allowed the remaining grapes time to mature. To counter the impact of modest mid-September rains, we applied a careful fruit drop, and were equally diligent during sorting. Overall, harvest lasted eleven weeks, delivering wines with excellent concentration, supple tannins, lovely finesse and dynamic acidity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Discussion opens with captivating aromas of black cherry, dark chocolate and toasted hazelnut, accented by the delicate allure of crushed rose petals. On the palate, layers of black plum and Mission figs unfold, intertwined with notes of cocoa nibs and warm baking spices. A plush, juicy texture gives way to luxurious, silky tannins, creating a wine of remarkable depth and sophistication. Elegant yet powerful, this vintage embodies the artistry of Duckhorn Vineyards and the timeless nature of a great conversation.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	26% Stout Vineyard, 26% Patzimaro Vineyard, 15% Rector Creek Vineyard, 13% Three Palms Vineyard, 12% Monitor Ledge Vineyard, 8% Cork Tree Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 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	3.73
ACIDITY	0.60 g/100 ml



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