

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

2022 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT THREE PALMS VINEYARD - BLOCK 5

Since our inaugural vintage, Duckhorn Vineyards has cultivated a deep pride in farming and crafting vineyard-designate Merlot from this iconic site. Named for its three distinct palm trees, Three Palms Vineyard spans 83 acres on an alluvial fan in northeastern Napa Valley and has developed Grand Cru status through consistent accolades and acclaim. Block 5, a 14.7-acre section forming the core of the Selby South portion of the vineyard, reflects the site's hallmark rocky, well-drained soils and meticulous stewardship. Each vintage serves as a reflection of the dedication and artistry embedded in our history, advancing the vision of our founders, Margaret and Dan Duckhorn to produce nothing short of exceptional Merlot.

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 2022 Three Palms Block-5 Merlot captures a striking sense of precision and refinement, offering a beautifully composed expression of one of Napa Valley's most iconic sites. Aromas of bright red cherry and raspberry unfold with graceful intensity, layered with hints of fig and huckleberry pie, while the palate is full-bodied and seamless, defined by polished tannins and a lifted, mineral-driven finish that carries with clarity and finesse. Sourced from the renowned Block 5 within Three Palms Vineyard, this wine reflects meticulous vineyard stewardship and exacting winemaking that preserves both purity and structure. The result is a Merlot of remarkable poise, crafted for moments that call for something truly distinguished.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Three Palms Vineyard - Block 5
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Estate fruit 100% Merlot
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged for 18 months in 100% French oak 75% new, 25% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.8%
pH	3.62
ACIDITY	0.59 g/100 ml
ROOTSTOCK	1103P
CLONE	Bear Flat



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