

DUCKHORN®
VINEYARDS

2022 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RECTOR CREEK VINEYARD

Established in 1976 by renowned vintners Margaret and Dan Duckhorn, Duckhorn Vineyards is an iconic Napa Valley winery deeply rooted in a rich legacy of tradition. With its cooling afternoon breeze and rocky alluvial soils, this estate Rector Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a testament to the artistry and dedication that defines each vintage of our storied history.

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

With sophisticated charm and depth, this wine is a stunning expression of Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate Rector Creek vineyard. It starts with enticing aromas of blackberry and black plum jam, complemented by delicate hints of violet. From there, it reveals layers of currant, toasted hazelnut and thyme, creating a distinct and compelling profile. Firm tannins and a plush mid-palate provide a robust structure, while the finish is long and bright, marked by a subtle minerality and polished grace.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Rector Creek Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Estate fruit 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 85% new, 15% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.77
ACIDITY	0.58 g/100 ml

