

DUCKHORN®

V I N E Y A R D S

2019 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.

VINTAGE NOTES

2019 brought another exceptional vintage to Napa Valley, resulting in wines with alluring polish and poise! The season began with a wet winter followed by a mild spring. While this led to a slightly later-than-normal start to the season, ideal summer weather with no significant heat spikes ensured ideal flavor development, yielding complex and vibrant whites, and refined reds with elegant tannins, enticing aromatics and beautiful fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2019 growing season produced a standout expression of Rector Creek Merlot with perfumed aromas of blueberry, black cherry and plum. On the palate, this wine is lush and giving with supple tannins, an elegant structure and generous red and black fruit flavors that carry it to a long, complex finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Rector Creek Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% estate fruit 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 85% new, 15% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.70
ACIDITY	0.57 g/100 ml



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