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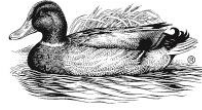
VINEYARDS

2014 Napa Valley Merlot *Three Palms Vineyard*

Since our inaugural vintage in 1978, Duckhorn Vineyards has been proud to craft a vineyard-designate bottling from Three Palms. One of California's first single-vineyard Merlots, this full-bodied wine reflects Three Palms' unique terroir and has been a consistent benchmark for New World Merlot. Named for its three iconic palm trees, the warm, up valley vineyard features lean soils that cause the vines to send their roots deep in search of nutrients, producing an intense, age-worthy wine with complex fruit and mineral layers.

In The Vineyards – 2014

Here in Napa Valley, the 2014 growing season delivered our third exceptional vintage in a row, yielding wines with ideal concentration, elegant tannins and lovely varietal flavors. Though the 2013/2014 winter was one of the driest on record, heavy rains in February and March provided the vines much-needed moisture at just the right time. A warm spring triggered an early budbreak, and perfect weather throughout the summer allowed the grapes to achieve ideal ripeness with pure, focused flavors and resolved tannins. Harvest began on August 5th and ended on October 15th, and though it was quite compact, we were able to pick all of our grapes based solely on flavor, resulting in another fantastic vintage.

Sensory Profile

This classic expression of Three Palms Vineyard Merlot displays beautiful layers of dense dark red fruit, cedar, graphite and cream, as well as hints of wet river rock. Pure and polished on the palate, the rich flavors are underscored by firm, structured tannins and subtle sweet oak that will ensure that this stunning Merlot ages wonderfully for years to come.

Composition

86% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

Origin

Appellation: Napa Valley
Harvest Dates: August 25 – September 10

Aging & Oak

18 months in oak
100% French Oak
75% New Oak, 25% Neutral

Production and Technical Data

Average Sugar at Harvest: 27.8° Brix
Alcohol: 14.5%
0.59 g/100 ml titratable acidity
pH: 3.76