

2015 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT *THREE PALMS VINEYARD*

A legendary Merlot from one of the most renowned California vineyards.



Composition: 91% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1.5% Petit Verdot, .5% Cabernet Franc

Market Trends/Opportunity: One of California's legendary vineyards. Merlot \$20+ SRP category is +8% vs. PY.

Winemaker: Renee Ary

Availability: National

Appellation: Napa Valley

SRP: \$98

Winemaking: Three Palms Vineyard is located on an alluvial fan created by the outwash of Selby Creek. The soil is rocky and well drained, causing the vines to send their roots far, wide, and deep to find the necessary nutrients and water. Our first Merlot from Three Palms was our inaugural 1978 vintage, beginning a tradition of crafting full-bodied wines that reflect the unique terroir of this site.

Tasting Notes: Reflecting what can be achieved from a legendary vineyard in an exceptional growing season, this wine displays captivating aromas of fresh cranberry, blueberry, fig, cedar and cocoa nibs. On the dense, mouth-filling palate, sophisticated notes of wet slate minerality add poise and definition to flavors of plum, molasses, cherry and crushed rose petals. Silky tannins carry the wine to a beautifully structured finish with hints of moist earth, cranberry and bittersweet chocolate.

Key Accolades: v14 #1 Wine of the Year - 95 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v13 92 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v13 92 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v12 93 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v11 91 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v11 97 Pts., *Wine Review Online*.

Recommended Pairings: Mushrooms, Grilled Lamb or Beef, Aged Cheddar, Rosemary

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TTB Approval: 14353-001-000402

Marquee Accounts: Morton's, Paul Martin's, Del Frisco's Ruth's Chris, Ritz Carlton, Capital Grille, Pelican Hill Resort, Epic Roasthouse, Harris', Bottega

Alcohol: 14.7%

Formats Available: 750ml, 1.5L, 3L