

# DECOY

## 2019 CALIFORNIA MERLOT

Established more than 30 years ago by legendary vintners Dan and Margaret Duckhorn, our roots run deep at Decoy. This California Merlot showcases the elegance of Merlot and highlights the bold fruit flavors. Reflecting the character of each growing season and the diversity of our vineyard sources, Decoy has established itself as a wine of distinction. From vine to bottle, we craft our wines to the highest standards, only using grapes from exceptional vineyards.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Throughout California, the 2019 growing season provided picture-perfect growing conditions. Following a cool, wet winter and spring, summer brought perfectly temperate weather that created exceptional flavor development in the grapes. Warm weather during harvest ensured ideal ripeness, resulting in dynamic whites with beautiful energy and complexity, and lush and flavorful reds with deep colors and lovely intensity.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

From its plush, refined tannins to its rustic undertones, this alluring Merlot offers juicy layers of black cherry, raspberry and plum. On the palate, the flavors are pure and polished, with a mouth-coating texture that carries the wine to a luxurious, fruit-filled finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	California
SUB-APPELLATION	60% Sonoma County, 32% Central Coast, 8% Mendocino County
BLEND COMPOSITION	80% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 12 months in 100% French oak 35% new
ALCOHOL	13.9%
PH	3.55
ACIDITY	0.63 g/100 ml



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