



## 2023 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT THREE PALMS VINEYARD

Since our inaugural vintage, Duckhorn Vineyards has cultivated a deep pride in farming and crafting vineyard-designate Merlot from this iconic site. Named for its three distinct palm trees, Three Palms Vineyard has developed Grand Cru status through consistent accolades and acclaim. Each vintage serves as a reflection of the dedication and artistry embedded in our history, advancing the vision of our founders, Margaret and Dan Duckhorn to produce nothing short of exceptional Merlot.

### VINTAGE NOTES

In 2023, heavy winter and spring rains delayed budbreak and set the stage for one of the latest vintages in decades. Cooler spring temperatures led to an extended flowering period with our team applying post-veraison thinning to achieve a balanced crop. As the season progressed, temperatures remained below average, which provided additional hangtime but required extra patience. Our patience paid off, with 2023 offering one of our most unique and rewarding vintages to date! Semillon harvest began on August 28th with Sauvignon Blanc soon following. With no significant heat events, the grapes were able to ripen beautifully. Harvest concluded on November 9th with Cabernet Sauvignon from Oak Knoll and Howell Mountain. Our 2023 whites are crisp, with ideal flavor development and bright acids, and the reds are pure, supple and balanced, with vibrant acidity, fresh flavors, and intense colors.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This vintage continues the legacy of Three Palms with a beautifully expressive and polished Merlot. It opens with alluring aromas of Bing cherries, huckleberry cobbler, crushed rose petals and raspberry jam, accented by subtle notes of bay leaf and graham cracker. On the palate, vibrant fruit and full bodied weight are framed by silken tannins, with flavors of cherry and molasses carried by energetic acidity and the vineyard's hallmark minerality through the long, refined finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Three Palms Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Estate fruit 89% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged for 18 months in 100% French oak 75% new, 25% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.67
ACIDITY	0.55 g/100 ml



### THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO

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