

# 2016 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

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## Key Accolades

v16 91 Pts., Wine.com

v15 94 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v15 90 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*.

## Tasting Notes

The 2016 growing season yielded a beautifully complex expression of Napa Valley Merlot, with inviting aromas of fresh black raspberry, vanilla, tea leaves, pie crust and licorice. On the palate, luxurious red-fruit flavors of strawberry, plum, Bing cherry and loganberry are supported by silky tannins and a bright, mouthwatering acidity that carries the wine to a lingering finish, with hints of maple, cedar and sweet spice.

**SRP: \$56**

## Production & Technical Data

Varieties: 70% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, .5% Malbec, .5 % Petit Verdot

Average Sugar at Harvest : 26.4° Brix

Appellation: Napa Valley

Aging & Oak: 100% French Oak | 40% New Oak | 60% Neutral | 15 months

Harvest Dates:  
August 31 – October 19

Fermentation: 10-12 days at 82°F

Inaugural Vintage: 1979

pH: 3.27      TA : 5.5 g/L

Formats Available: 375 mL, 750 mL, 1.5L, 3L

Alcohol: 14.5%

