

Decoy California Merlot

COUNTRY	REGION	GRAPE	VINTAGE
United States	California	80% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc	2019

ABOUT THE DOMAINE

Established in 1985, Decoy is recognized for its commitment to producing attractively priced wines from exceptional vineyard sources, including Decoy's own Ridgeline and Brownell Estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley. Over the years, the Decoy lineup has grown to include a Sonoma County appellation designated Red Blend, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, as well as a California Rosé. The winemaking program at Decoy is guided by Winemaker Dana Epperson, who has established expertise working with multiple grape varieties throughout her career.

WINEMAKING

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 flavour development in the grapes. Warm weather during harvest ensured ideal ripeness, resulting in dynamic whites with beautiful energy and complexity, and lush and flavourful reds with deep colours and lovely intensity. Aged for 12 months in 100% French oak, 35% new.

TASTING 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 flavours are pure and polished, with a mouth-coating texture that carries the wine to a luxurious, fruit-filled finish.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol
13.9%

Acidity
0.63g/100ml

pH
3.55