

Decoy California Red

COUNTRY	REGION	GRAPE	VINTAGE
United States	California	35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 16% Zinfandel, 8% Petite Sirah, 5% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Syrah, 2% Carignan	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 12 months in 100% French oak, 30% new.

TASTING NOTES

This enticing wine displays gorgeous aromas of blackberry, plum, dark red fruit and cranberry, with hints of caramel and exotic spices. The luxurious berry notes are echoed on the palate, where they are supported by supple, refined tannins and an energetic mouthfeel that carries the wine to a long, lush finish.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol by volume
13.9 %

Acidity
0.61 g/100 ml

pH
3.67