



**TOP
SELECTION**
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Duckhorn Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

COUNTRY

United States

REGION

California

GRAPE

83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot,
2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

VINTAGE

2014

ABOUT THE DOMAINE

Co-founded by Dan and Margaret Duckhorn in 1976, Duckhorn Vineyards has indisputably established itself as one of the finest and most respected wine producers of the United-States. From its modest inaugural vintage of 800 cases of Cabernet Sauvignon and 800 cases of Merlot in 1978 to its addition of Sauvignon Blanc in 1982, Duckhorn Vineyards has crafted a tradition of quality and excellence that continues today under Head Winemaker Renée Ary.

WINEMAKING

In Napa Valley, the 2014 growing season delivered an exceptional vintage, yielding wines with ideal concentration, elegant tannins and lovely varietal flavours. A warm spring triggered an early budbreak, and perfect weather throughout the summer allowed the grapes to achieve ideal ripeness with pure, focused flavours and resolved tannins. Grapes were picked based solely on flavour, resulting in another fantastic vintage. Barrel aging of 16 months in 100% French oak château-style barrels (60 gallons). Barrels are 50% new, 50% neutral. 10-12 days fermentation at 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

TASTING NOTES

Complex and compelling, this generous wine reflects the diversity of great Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. On the nose, vibrant layers of red and black fruit mingle with hints of violet, dried herbs, black liquorice and graphite. The flavours echo the aromas, with lovely blackcurrant and liquorice elements supported by firm, impeccably balanced, tannins and an excellent structure. Good acidity helps to carry the juicy dark fruit notes through to a long, satisfying finish.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol by volume
14.5%

Acidity
0.56g/100ml

pH
3.7