

## Duckhorn Napa Valley Merlot

| COUNTRY       | REGION     | GRAPE   | VINTAGE |
|---------------|------------|---|---------|
| United States | California | 82% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1.4% Cabernet Franc, 0.4% Petit Verdot, 0.2% Malbec | 2018    |

### 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

The excellent growing conditions 2018 offered naturally resulted in a slightly larger than average crop for our red Bordeaux varieties, with fully lignified seeds at low sugar levels. With temperate weather throughout fall, each block was able to be picked at optimal ripeness, yielding exceptionally juicy and polished red wines, with plush, well-rounded tannins, and lovely overall structure. This wine is aged for 15 months in 100% French oak and 40% new.

### TASTING NOTES

From its tempting aromas of ripe cherry and black raspberry to its sweet, dusty tannins and supple texture, this a lush and expansive expression of Napa Valley Merlot. Luxurious flavours of black plum, rhubarb crumble and chocolate-covered raspberry mingle with hints of graphite and clove on the long, vibrant finish.



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Alcohol by volume**  
14.5%

**Acidity**  
0.59 g/100 ml

**pH**  
3.56