

2009 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

America's quintessential , #1 Ultra-Luxury Merlot!



Composition: 84% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc

Winemaker: Bill Nancarrow

Appellation: Napa Valley

Winemaking: Literally a snapshot of Napa Valley's best vineyards in a bottle, our Napa Valley Merlot is a complex blend of vineyard lots, incorporating fruit from Estate Vineyards and top independent growers. The final wine is a rich and cohesive expression of the entire Napa Valley, reflecting the microclimates and soils of this unique appellation.

Key Accolades: v08 92 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v08 91 Pts., *Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine*. v08 90 Pts., *California Grapevine* v07 "2010 Merlot of the Year", Tom Simoneau. "Most Popular Merlot", *Wine & Spirits* 22nd Restaurant Poll. v07 92 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*, v07 "Western Wine Award Winner 2010", *Sunset*.

UPC:

Bottle: 669576 019283

Case: 20 669576 01928 3

SCC: 10669576018382

TTB Approval: 10035000000002

Market Trends/Opportunity: #1 Selling \$50+ Merlot in the U.S. >\$20 category +6.5%.

Availability: National

SRP: \$52

Tasting Notes: While there is fullness and a lush character to this Merlot, there is also restraint and elegance. Aromas of cherry, red plum, raspberry, and dried herbs lead to a clean entry with balanced acidity supporting intense red fruit flavors of cranberry, plum and raspberry. Round, supple tannins provide an enticing framework for the flavors and contribute to a lingering finish.

Recommended Pairings: Mushrooms, Grilled Lamb or Beef, Aged Cheddar, Rosemary.

Marquee Accounts: Morton's, Ruth's Chris, Del Frisco's/Sullivan's, Legal Sea Foods, Il Fornaio, Fleming's, Four Seasons, The Ivy, Palm, Roy's, Emeril's, Bellagio, Smith and Wollensky.

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

Alcohol: 14.5%



#1 Merlot in the US!

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