

2012 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

MONITOR LEDGE VINEYARD



An intense, elegant Cabernet from our estate vineyard in Calistoga.

Composition: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

Market Trends/Opportunity: Cabernet \$20+ SRP category is +19% vs. PY.

Winemaker: Renee Ary

Availability: National

Appellation: Napa Valley

SRP: \$95

Winemaking: Monitor Ledge takes its name from an outcropping in the mountains overlooking the vineyard. The fruit from Monitor Ledge has been an important component of Duckhorn Vineyards wine blends since 1985. Located on the alluvial fan of Selby Creek, the site is composed of cobblestones and a gravelly, sandy loam soil. Because water drains rapidly in the lean soil, the vines struggle to grow, and the resulting fruit has intensity and structure that make the wines from this vineyard unique. With excellent sun exposure, the fruit consistently ripens to ideal maturity.

Tasting Notes: Both elegant and appealing, this wine slowly reveals layered aromas of truffle, blackberry, dried fig and rose petals, as well as hints of sweet, warm oak. On the palate, flavors of pomegranate, red raspberry and rhubarb underscore the darker fruit elements, with hints of thyme and tamarind paste adding savoriness to a long, focused finish.

Key Accolades: v11 93 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v10 91 Pts., *Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wines*. v09 92 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v08 96 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*.

Recommended Pairings: Red Wine Braised Short Ribs, Grilled Rib Eye, Parmesan-Reggiano

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TTB Approval: 13163001000208

Marquee Accounts: TBD

Alcohol: 14.5%

Formats Available: 750ml

