

2012 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

THREE PALMS VINEYARD



A legendary Merlot from one of the most renowned California vineyards.



Composition: 89% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

Market Trends/Opportunity: One of California's legendary vineyards. Merlot \$20+ SRP category is +6% vs. PY.

Winemaker: Renee Ary

Availability: National

Appellation: Napa Valley

SRP: \$95

Winemaking: Three Palms Vineyard is located on an alluvial fan created by the outwash of Selby Creek. The soil is rocky and well drained, causing the vines to send their roots far, wide, and deep to find the necessary nutrients and water. Our first Merlot from Three Palms was our inaugural 1978 vintage, beginning a tradition of crafting full-bodied wines that reflect the unique terroir of this site.

Tasting Notes: This is a classic expression of Three Palms Vineyard, with vibrant red fruit on the entry, followed by layers of licorice, wet stone and earth on the mid-palate. Though the tannins are prominent, there is a lovely refinement to them that beautifully accentuates the flavors of blueberry, warm spice cake, and fleshy Santa Rosa plum.

Key Accolades: v11 91 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v11 97 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v10 94 Pts.-Cellar Selection, *Wine Enthusiast*. v10 92+ Pts., *Wine Advocate*. v10 93 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v09 95 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v09 92 Pts., *Wine Spectator*.

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

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TTB Approval: 09169000000010

Marquee Accounts: Morton's, Paul Martin's, Del Frisco's Ruth's Chris, Ritz Carlton, Capital Grille, Pelican Hill Resort, Epic Roasthouse, Harris', Bottega

Alcohol: 14.5%

Formats Available: 750ml, 1.5L, 3L