

2013 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT



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



Composition: 88% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

Market Trends/Opportunity: #1 Selling \$50+ Merlot in the U.S. Merlot \$20+ SRP category is +7% vs. PY.

Winemaker: Renee Ary

Availability: National

Appellation: Napa Valley

SRP: \$54

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.

Tasting Notes: This gorgeous wine displays intense aromas of ripe cherry, followed by more nuanced elements of cedar, sweet spices, orange peel and cigar box. On the palate, layers of black raspberry and spiced plum mingle with more savory notes of nutmeg and pencil lead. With firm, well-integrated tannins that extend the finish, this beautifully structured Merlot also promises great ageability.

Key Accolades: v12 91 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v12 90 Pts., *James Suckling*. v11 93 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v10 5 Stars/*Exceptional Restaurant Wine*

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

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SCC/Case Code: 20 669576 01928 7

TTB Approval: 12097001000169

Marquee Accounts: Bellagio, Montage, Four Seasons, The Ivy, Palm, Peter Luger, Morton's, Ruth's Chris, Del Frisco's, Capital Grille, Mastro's, Rutherford Grill, Ritz Carlton, Fleming's

Alcohol: 14.5%

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