

DUCKHORN®

VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



## 2013 Napa Valley Merlot *Three Palms Vineyard*

Since our inaugural vintage in 1978, Duckhorn Vineyards has been proud to craft a vineyard-designate bottling from Three Palms. One of California's first single-vineyard Merlots, this full-bodied wine reflects Three Palms' unique terroir and has been a consistent benchmark for New World Merlot. Named for its three iconic palm trees, the warm, up valley vineyard features lean soils that cause the vines to send their roots deep in search of nutrients, producing an intense, age-worthy wine with complex fruit and mineral layers.

### 2013 Harvest Notes

The 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent with all of our estate fruit in the winery by October 10th. A warm dry spring brought an early bud break and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. In the weeks after Labor Day, a moderate heat event followed by a period of perfect weather created a dream scenario for end-of-season ripening. Rain was not a factor, and for the second vintage in a row, the quality of the grapes was exceptional throughout Napa Valley.

### Comments from the Winemaker

The 2013 growing season yielded a riveting expression of Three Palms Vineyard Merlot, with a rich entry and pure and polished flavors of cherry, cassis, pomegranate, and blackberry. On the palate, these gorgeous fruit elements mingle with complex layers of leather, wet river rock, eucalyptus and black tea. Warm earthy notes finesse the finish while dense, fine-grained tannins provide wonderful length.

### Varietal Content

89% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

### Harvest Information

Appellation: Calistoga

Harvest Dates: September 7-25, 2013

Average Sugar at Harvest: 27.3° Brix

### Cooperage

100% French oak château-style barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 18 Months

Age of Barrels: 75% New, 25% Neutral Oak

### Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.9%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.58 g/100ml

pH: 3.46

Bottled: July 2015

Released: April 2016

