

# 2014 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

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



**Composition:** 88% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

**Market Trends/Opportunity:** #1 Selling \$40+ Merlot in the U.S. Merlot \$20+ SRP category is +4% 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:** Combining lovely structure and alluring appeal, this is a classic expression of Duckhorn Vineyards Merlot. Intense aromas of ripe cherry, plum and black fig rise from the glass, underscored by hints of leather and cedar. On the palate, it is lush and supple, with bright acidity and velvety tannins supporting layers of raspberry and black cherry, as well as hints of coffee and chocolate that carry through on the long finish.

**Key Accolades:** v13 90 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v13 94 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v13 90 Pts., *Wine & Spirits*. 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.

**UPC:** 669576 019283

**SCC/Case Code:** 20 669576 01928 7

**TTB Approval:** 14353-001-000402

**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