

2016 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Key Accolades

v15 94 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v15 90 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*.

Tasting Notes

The 2016 growing season yielded a beautifully complex expression of Napa Valley Merlot, with inviting aromas of fresh black raspberry, vanilla, tea leaves, pie crust and licorice. On the palate, luxurious red-fruit flavors of strawberry, plum, Bing cherry and loganberry are supported by silky tannins and a bright, mouthwatering acidity that carries the wine to a lingering finish, with hints of maple, cedar and sweet spice.

SRP: \$56

Production & Technical Data

Varieties: 70% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, .5% Malbec, .5% Petit Verdot

Average Sugar at Harvest : 26.4° Brix

Appellation: Napa Valley

Aging & Oak: 100% French Oak | 40% New Oak | 60% Neutral | 15 months

Harvest Dates:
August 31 – October 19

Fermentation: 10-12 days at 82°F

Inaugural Vintage: 1979

pH: 3.27 TA : 5.5 g/L

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

Alcohol: 14.5%

