

2016 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT *THREE PALMS VINEYARD*

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



Composition: 93% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec

Market Trends/Opportunity:

Winemaker: Renee Ary

Availability: National

Appellation: Napa Valley

SRP: \$110

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: Once again, the revered Three Palms Vineyard has yielded a benchmark expression of New World Merlot, with a complex, age-worthy structure, silken tannins, and radiant fruit. On the nose, aromas of huckleberry, plum, Bing cherry, cinnamon and rose petals are underscored by hints of cocoa and sweet French oak. As it evolves in the glass, flavors of cardamom, cranberry, blueberry and figs are revealed, as well as elements of earthy minerality that add drama to the long, complex finish.

Key Accolades: v15 100 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v15 93 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v14 #1 Wine of the Year - 95 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v13 92 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v13 92 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v12 93 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*.

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

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TTB Approval: 14353-001-000402

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