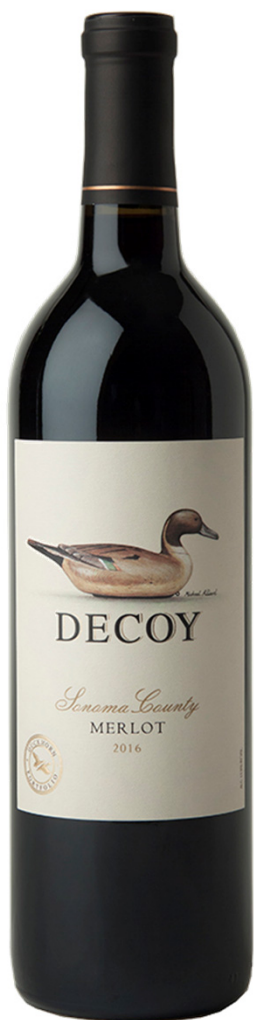


# 2016 DECOY SONOMA COUNTY MERLOT

*Classic Duckhorn winemaking has never been so easy to enjoy!*



**Composition:** 97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Market Trends/Opportunity:** Merlot \$20+ SRP category is +8% vs. PY.

**Winemaker:** Tyson Wolf

**Availability:** National

**Appellation:** Sonoma County

**SRP:** \$25

**Winemaking & Sourcing:** Drawing on our winemaking team's expertise working with this varietal, Decoy Sonoma County Merlot is a lush and inviting wine highlighting the elegance of the varietal. Our grapes are sourced from the exceptional valleys of Dry Creek, Alexander, Knights and Sonoma.

**Tasting Notes:** This lush and inviting Merlot displays layers of black cherry, blueberry and cassis, underscored by vanilla and cocoa. On the palate, balanced acidity adds poise and elegance, while silky tannins carry the wine to a fruitful and concentrated finish.

**Key Accolades:** v14 90 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v14 90 Pts., *The Tasting Panel*. v13 91 Pts. *Wine Review Online*. v12 90 Pts., *Wine Review Online*. v10 4 Stars – Excellent, *Restaurant Wine*.

**Recommended Pairings:** Grilled Lamb, Beef, Duck, Wild Rice, Mushrooms, Aged Cheddar, Rosemary

**UPC:** 669576 01925 2

**SCC/Case Code:** 20 669576 01925 6

**TTB Approval:** 17209-001-000761

**Marquee Accounts:** Wine Country Bistro, Mastro's, Metropolitan Grill, Norman's Orlando, Chart House

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**Formats Available:** 750ml