

## Duckhorn Howell Mountain Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

COUNTRY	REGION	GRAPE	VINTAGE
United States	California	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot	2018

### ABOUT THE DOMAINE

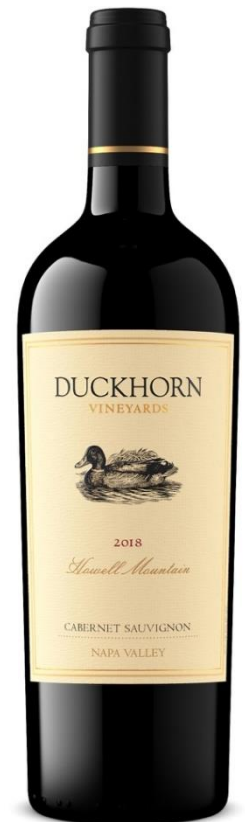
Co-founded by Dan and Margaret Duckhorn in 1976, Duckhorn Vineyards has indisputably established itself as one of the finest and most respected wine producers of the United-States. From its modest inaugural vintage of 800 cases of Cabernet Sauvignon and 800 cases of Merlot in 1978 to its addition of Sauvignon Blanc in 1982, Duckhorn Vineyards has crafted a tradition of quality and excellence that continues today under Head Winemaker Renée Ary.

### WINEMAKING

The excellent growing conditions naturally resulted in a slightly larger than average crop for our red Bordeaux varieties, with fully lignified seeds at low sugar levels. With temperate weather throughout fall, grapes were able to be picked at optimal ripeness, yielding exceptionally juicy and polished red wines, with plush, well-rounded tannins, and lovely overall structure. Aged a total of 24 months. 18 months in new French oak followed by 6 months in neutral barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this stunning wine offers a bevy of mountain-fruit aromas including sweet baking spices, black raspberry, currant and blackberry, with hints of anise, clove and fresh mint adding nuance and complexity. On the palate it is robust and generous, echoing the aromas in waves of ripe dark berries and spice, with firm tannins and dusty minerality carrying the flavours to a remarkably long, lush finish.



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Alcohol by volume**  
14.5%

**Acidity**  
0.62 g/100 ml

**pH**  
3.71