

## Duckhorn Napa Valley Merlot 'Three Palms' Vineyard

COUNTRY	REGION	GRAPE	VINTAGE
United States	California	89% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 0.5% Petit Verdot, 0.5% Malbec	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

Named for its three iconic palm trees, this warm, up-valley vineyard features lean soils that cause the vines to send their roots deep in search of nutrients, yielding a profoundly intense and age-worthy wine with complex fruit and mineral layers. This wine is fermented in 100% French oak (75% new, 25% neutral) and aged for 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

The famed Three Palms Vineyard has yielded a fascinating and luxuriously full-bodied Merlot. On the nose this wine has aromas of huckleberry, black cherry, chocolate and fig rise from the glass, followed by hints of graphite, graham cracker, bay leaf and sage. On the mouth-watering palate the flavours are intense and complex, with velvety tannins and voluptuous fruit balanced by earthy undertones and Three Palms' classic minerality, all of which carry the wine to a rich and remarkably long finish.



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Alcohol by volume**  
14.5%

**Acidity**  
0.55g/100ml

**pH**  
3.73