

DECOY

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2023 DECOY LIMITED ALEXANDER VALLEY MERLOT

Building on our rich winemaking heritage, we invite you to experience Decoy Limited wines. Crafted using grapes from some of the most acclaimed California vineyard sources, including our own estate properties, these wines showcase the pinnacle of Decoy winemaking.

VINTAGE NOTES

2023 began with a cold, rainy winter that saturated the soils and led to robust canopies. With the cool weather continuing throughout spring, both budbreak and bloom were pushed back by 1-3 weeks in the Alexander Valley. While the season was cool and late, we achieved an excellent berry set and the vines benefitted from extended hang time, which ensured slow, even ripening. A condensed harvest began 2-4 weeks later than normal. Overall, the quality of the grapes was exceptional, with our reds offering inky colors and lush, concentrated flavors, and our whites showing vibrant aromatics and lovely poise and purity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This Merlot is rich, refined and effortlessly inviting. Aromas of ripe raspberry, fresh blueberry and subtle cigar box spice are layered with hints of sweet cherry and light chocolate. Silky tannins and a soft, velvety mouthfeel carry vibrant red fruit through a long, satisfying finish.

Appellation · Alexander Valley

Alcohol · 13.9%

Sub-Appellations · 100% Alexander Valley, Ridgeline Vineyard, Brownell Vineyard

pH · 3.68

Varietal Composition · 88% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon

Acidity · 0.54 g / 100 mL

Oak Profile & Aging · Aged 18 months in French oak, 40% new

