

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

2023 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON RECTOR CREEK VINEYARD

Established in 1976 by renowned vintners Margaret and Dan Duckhorn, Duckhorn Vineyards is an iconic Napa Valley winery deeply rooted in a rich legacy of tradition. With its cooling afternoon breeze and rocky alluvial soils, this estate Rector Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a testament to the artistry and dedication that defines each vintage of our storied history.

VINTAGE NOTES

In 2023, heavy winter and spring rains delayed budbreak and set the stage for one of the latest vintages in decades. Cooler spring temperatures led to an extended flowering period with our team applying post-veraison thinning to achieve a balanced crop. As the season progressed, temperatures remained below average, which provided additional hangtime but required extra patience. Our patience paid off, with 2023 offering one of our most unique and rewarding vintages to date! Semillon harvest began on August 28th with Sauvignon Blanc soon following. With no significant heat events, the grapes were able to ripen beautifully. Harvest concluded on November 9th with Cabernet Sauvignon from Oak Knoll and Howell Mountain. Our 2023 whites are crisp, with ideal flavor development and bright acids, and the reds are pure, supple and balanced, with vibrant acidity, fresh flavors, and intense colors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

With sophisticated charm and depth, this wine is a stunning expression of Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate Rector Creek vineyard. It starts with enticing aromas of blackberry and black plum jam, complemented by delicate hints of violet. From there, it reveals layers of currant, toasted hazelnut and thyme, creating a distinct and compelling profile. Firm tannins and a plush mid-palate provide a robust structure, while the finish is long and bright, marked by a subtle minerality and polished grace.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Rector Creek Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% estate fruit 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 85% new, 15% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.75
ACIDITY	0.55 g/100 ml



THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO



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