

2009 Duckhorn Vineyards Merlot

Napa Valley, California



Over three decades ago, before crafting their first vintage, the Duckhorns and their winemaker had a passionate discussion at the kitchen table. Though they debated making one great Bordeaux-style blend, they instead chose to focus on varietal wines. It was not long after their first vintage in 1978 that Dan Duckhorn's baby began cranking out benchmark Merlots and this 30th anniversary vintage is no exception.

The Napa Valley Merlot is a complex, velvety and well-balanced blend of several individual vineyard lots, incorporating 84 percent Merlot with 10 percent Cabernet, and 6 percent Cabernet Franc.

“A lovely Merlot, this is pure, vibrant and elegant. It has classic cherry, red-currant and cedar flavors, and while there’s a sweetness at the core, the finish is thoroughly dry. Wonderful to drink .” – 91 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*

Recommended pairings: Baby Spinach Salad with Cheddar and Mushroom

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New York Sirloin and Cibo Matto's Special Steak Sauce