

# 2014 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY MERLOT *THREE PALMS VINEYARD*



*A legendary Merlot from one of the most renowned California vineyards.*

**Composition:** 86% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

**Market Trends/Opportunity:** One of California's legendary vineyards. Merlot \$20+ SRP category is +5% vs. PY.

**Winemaker:** Renee Ary

**Availability:** National

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**SRP:** \$98

**Winemaking:** Three Palms Vineyard is located on an alluvial fan created by the outwash of Selby Creek. The soil is rocky and well drained, causing the vines to send their roots far, wide, and deep to find the necessary nutrients and water. Our first Merlot from Three Palms was our inaugural 1978 vintage, beginning a tradition of crafting full-bodied wines that reflect the unique terroir of this site.

**Tasting Notes:** This classic expression of Three Palms Vineyard Merlot displays beautiful layers of dense dark red fruit, cedar, graphite and cream, as well as hints of wet river rock. Pure and polished on the palate, the rich flavors are underscored by firm, structured tannins and subtle sweet oak that will ensure that this stunning Merlot ages wonderfully for years to come.

**Key Accolades:** v14 95 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v13 92 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v13 92 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v12 93 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v11 91 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v11 97 Pts., *Wine Review Online*..

**Recommended Pairings:** Mushrooms, Grilled Lamb or Beef, Aged Cheddar, Rosemary

**UPC:** 669576 018521

**SCC/Case Code:** 60 669576 01852 3

**TTB Approval:** 15147-001-000707

**Marquee Accounts:** Morton's, Paul Martin's, Del Frisco's Ruth's Chris, Ritz Carlton, Capital Grille, Pelican Hill Resort, Epic Roasthouse, Harris', Bottega

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Formats Available:** 750ml, 1.5L, 3L