

DECOY

2021 CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Established more than 30 years ago by legendary vintners Dan and Margaret Duckhorn, our roots run deep at Decoy. Since 1978, Duckhorn Vineyards has been exploring the character and complexity of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Drawing on our winemaking team's expertise working with this varietal, Decoy Cabernet Sauvignon offers a rich and appealing expression of the varietal crafted to be ready upon release.

VINTAGE NOTES

The growing season began with minimal winter rains and a mild spring. With drought conditions throughout California, we carefully tailored our vineyard practices to ensure balanced crop loads. With slightly elevated temperatures, budbreak at our North Coast vineyards was approximately two weeks ahead of the cooler Central Coast. As a result, our North Coast harvest concluded on October 15th, with our harvest on the Central Coast wrapping up on November 6th. In both regions, the berries and clusters were smaller than average, producing lower yields but deeply concentrated flavors, aromas and textures. Overall, the resulting wines are of exceptional quality, with lovely balance, excellent natural acidity and bright, juicy flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This alluring Cabernet Sauvignon draws you in with aromas of black cherry, blackberry, mocha, savory blueberry and sweet baking spices. On the palate, silky tannins and a supple, rounded texture frame the voluptuous dark berry flavors, with notions of barrel spice adding nuance and complexity to the long, lush finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	California
SUB-APPELLATION	43% Sonoma, 22% Mendocino, 19% Central Coast, 5% San Joaquin, 4% Alameda, 4% Yolo County, 2% Contra Costa, 1% Amador
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak barrels 40% new, 60% neutral
ALCOHOL	13.9%
PH	3.68
ACIDITY	0.60 g/100 ml

