

DECOY

2021 CALIFORNIA RED WINE

Established more than 30 years ago by legendary vintners Dan and Margaret Duckhorn, our roots run deep at Decoy. The core blend for this California Red Wine pairs the elegance of Merlot with the complexity of Cabernet Sauvignon. Reflecting the character of each growing season and the diversity of our vineyard sources, Decoy has established itself as a wine of distinction. From vine to bottle, we craft our wines to the highest standards, only using grapes from exceptional vineyards.

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

Lush and impeccably balanced, this alluring wine reveals aromas of boysenberry, black cherry, bramble, and baking spices. On the soft, supple palate, luxurious dark berry and plum flavors are framed by refined tannins that carry the wine to a long, rich finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	California
SUB-APPELLATION	Sonoma County, Mendocino, San Luis Obispo, Yolo County, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Alameda, Amador County
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 16% Petite Sirah, 12% Malbec, 7% Syrah, 4% Petit Verdot, 2% Tannat, 1% Zinfandel
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 12 months in 100% French oak 30% new, 70% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PH	3.65
ACIDITY	0.61 g/100 ml



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