

# Duckhorn Vineyards

Duckhorn Vineyards The Discussion is a prestigious Bordeaux-style red blend that epitomizes the pinnacle of Duckhorn Vineyards' winemaking excellence. This wine is a sophisticated blend of varietals from diverse Napa Valley vineyards, embodying depth, complexity, and the ongoing dialogue that defines great winemaking.

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96 James Suckling




Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 1% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

## The Discussion Red 2019

California, USA

### Region and Vineyards

The grapes are sourced from several of Duckhorn's estate vineyards in Napa Valley: Rector Creek Vineyard (25%), Monitor Ledge Vineyard (22%), Patzimaro Vineyard (21%), Stout Vineyard (17%), Three Palms Vineyard (13%), and Cork Tree Vineyard (2%).

These vineyards benefit from Napa Valley's unique terroirs, contributing to the wine's rich complexity.

### Winemaking

The Discussion 2019 is a blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 1% Malbec, and 1% Cabernet Franc. The wine underwent 24 months of aging—18 months in new French oak barrels followed by 6 months in neutral barrels. This aging process enhances the wine's structure, depth, and integration of oak flavors.

### Tasting Notes

This vintage offers luxurious layers of black plum, red currant, and raspberry. As it evolves in the glass, notes of cedar, sweet baking spices, and cocoa nibs emerge. The palate is generous and smooth, with velvety tannins and a lively, dramatic finish.

### Did you know?

The name "The Discussion" is inspired by an intense debate at the Duckhorn family's kitchen table about whether to focus on varietal wines or cuvées. This wine symbolizes the ongoing dialogue and dedication to producing exceptional blends.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

This rich and complex wine pairs well with hearty dishes such as roast lamb, grilled ribeye steak, or mushroom risotto. Its bold flavors also complement aged cheeses and charcuterie.

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**James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2019)**

*Currants, herbs and fresh tobacco with shaved lead pencil. Black berries. Medium to full body with creamy tannins and a juicy finish. Just a hint of oak. Rich and long with lots going on. Plenty of flavor.*




**Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2019)**

*A blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 1% each Cabernet Franc and Malbec, Duckhorn's 2019 Red Wine The Discussion features harmonious notes of cedar and vanilla layered against a backdrop of black cherries and earthy loam. It's medium to full-bodied, plush and silky in feel, with a bright edge to the lingering finish.*




**Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 92 Points (2019)**

*The 2019 The Discussion brings another level of refinement and elegance, with pure red and blackcurrant fruits supported by leafy herbs, coffee, and charred oak-like aromas and flavors, with a slightly herbal undertone. It's medium to full-bodied, has a supple, elegant mouthfeel, beautiful tannins, and outstanding length. Drink bottles over the coming 10-12+ years or so.*