



## Duckhorn Vineyards

The Duckhorn Vineyards Three Palms Merlot is a highly sought-after Napa Valley Merlot, known for its elegance, complex bouquet of red fruit and spice, and a well-balanced palate with approachable tannins.

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### Three Palms Vineyard Merlot 2021

California, USA



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 98% Merlot, 2%  
Malbec



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Duckhorn Vineyards was founded in 1976 with a focus on crafting premium Merlot wines. The Three Palms Vineyard was acquired in 1982 and quickly became a source for some of Duckhorn's most acclaimed Merlots. The name "Three Palms" refers to three palm trees that stand sentinel over the vineyard.

**Wine region:** Napa Valley, California. Napa Valley is one of the world's most prestigious wine regions, famed for its Cabernet Sauvignon wines. However, Duckhorn Vineyards has made a name for itself with exceptional Merlots like the Three Palms.

**Vineyards:** The grapes for the Three Palms Merlot come from the prestigious Three Palms Vineyard located in the Oakville AVA within Napa Valley. This vineyard benefits from well-drained, gravelly soils and a warm microclimate, ideal for ripening Merlot grapes.

**Winemaking:** Duckhorn employs meticulous winemaking practices. The grapes are hand-harvested and undergo rigorous sorting to ensure only the finest fruit reaches the final blend. Fermentation takes place in small stainless steel tanks, followed by aging for 18 months in a combination of new and used French oak barrels. This aging process allows the wine to develop complexity while maintaining the delicate fruit character of Merlot.

**Tasting notes:** The Duckhorn Vineyards Three Palms Merlot 2020 boasts a beautiful garnet color. The nose opens with a captivating bouquet of aromas. Red fruit notes like cranberry, raspberry, and red plum take center stage, complemented by hints of black cherry and blackberry. Floral nuances of violets and rose petals add a touch of elegance, while subtle spice notes of clove and vanilla emerge from the oak aging. The palate is medium-bodied with a silky texture and approachable tannins. The flavors echo the aromas, with a core of red fruit supported by hints of earth, tobacco, and baking spices. The finish is long and lingering.

**Food pairing:** The Duckhorn Vineyards Three Palms Merlot 2020 pairs well with a variety of dishes such as:

- Grilled steaks and lamb chops
- Duck breast
- Roasted vegetables
- Pasta with tomato sauce
- Semi-hard cheeses

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### Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2021)

*Fresh blue and black fruits, savory undertones, mixed herbs, spices and graphite carry a compelling and mouthwatering Merlot from one of the region's most celebrated vineyards for the variety.*



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**James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)**

*This relaxed, deep and well-composed wine is rich in black fruit and oak spices on smooth, melted tannins. One of the classic California merlots, it is full-bodied and generous in dark cherry, tobacco leaf, cedar and bay leaf flavors, with accents of dark chocolate. Grown in the warmer, northern end of Napa Valley.*



**Wine Spectator (WS) : 92 Points (2021)**

*Handsomely structured and built for the long haul, with multilayered red currant and plum flavors laced with espresso and spice notes as this builds toward slightly firm tannins. Best from 2024 through 2033.*

