



## 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

(VV)



**James Suckling (JS) : 91 Points (2020)**

*Black olives with some fresh basil and lemongrass aromas that follow through to a medium body with a juicy center palate. Savory and delicious. A little simple this year but well done for the vintage.*



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**James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2019)**

*I like the savory nose here, with notes of coffee, spiced plum, overturned earth and bark. Full-bodied with fine, silky tannins. Expressive, but focused, with really clean and clear dark fruit blending nicely with ground spice and grilled herbs. Totally delicious. This will age very nicely. (9/2022)*



**Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2019)**

*Notable for the structure and polish, this red offers handsome red and black currant flavors framed by black olive, sweet tobacco and spice tones that gather tension toward medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2030. (TF) (10/2022)*

