

Duckhorn Vineyards

The Duckhorn Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon is a testament to the legacy and expertise of Duckhorn Vineyards, a winery renowned for producing exceptional wines since 1978. This wine perfectly embodies the complexity of Napa Valley, offering a seamless balance of fruit, oak, and tannins.

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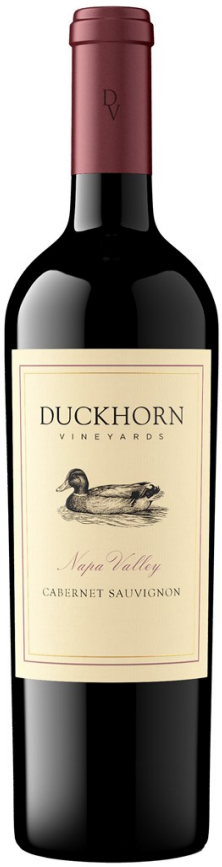

Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The fruit for the **Duckhorn Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon** is sourced from both estate vineyards and top growers across the Napa Valley. The vineyards span various sub-appellations, including **Oak Knoll, Rutherford, Oakville**, and **Calistoga**. The diverse terroir of these regions, with their unique soil compositions and microclimates, contributes to the wine's complexity and depth.

The Napa Valley region is celebrated for its ideal wine-growing conditions, characterized by a Mediterranean climate with warm days and cool nights. This diurnal temperature variation helps in maintaining the acidity and developing the flavors in the grapes. The soil diversity, from gravelly loam to volcanic and clay, further adds to the unique characteristics of the wines produced here.

Winemaking

Crafted with meticulous care, this wine is a blend of **94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, and 1% Cabernet Franc**. The grapes are harvested from both mountain and valley floor sites, ensuring a rich and layered profile. Each varietal is carefully vinified to express its unique characteristics while contributing to the overall harmony of the blend.

The wine undergoes fermentation in stainless steel tanks before being aged for **16 months in 100% French oak barrels**, with 50% new and 50% neutral oak. This aging process enhances the wine's structure and integrates its flavors harmoniously. The use of French oak imparts subtle spice and vanilla notes, complementing the fruit's natural richness.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep, vibrant ruby.
- **Aroma**: Aromas of spiced blackberry, blueberry cobbler, black currant, milk chocolate, and licorice.
- **Palate**: On the palate, lively acidity adds poise and brightness to the blackberry and black raspberry flavors. Rich, chocolaty tannins and hints of black tea contribute to a supple, sophisticated texture, culminating in a long, luxurious finish.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Ribeye Steak**: The robust flavors and rich tannins of the wine complement the savory, charred notes of the steak.
- **Roast Lamb with Herbs**: The wine's complexity and depth enhance the aromatic herbs and tender meat.
- **Dark Chocolate Desserts**: The wine's milk chocolate and licorice notes pair wonderfully with dark chocolate desserts, creating a harmonious balance of flavors.
- **Aged Cheddar Cheese**: The wine's acidity and richness balance the sharp, tangy flavors of aged cheddar, making for an elegant pairing.



Decanter (DCT) : 93 Points (2021)

A bright, juicy, and lifted wine with succulent blueberry and black cherry fruits, black currants, clove, graphite, and new wood cedar. Medium to full bodied with supple tannins. A burst of refreshing acidity through the finish makes for an excellent dinner table Cabernet from this iconic producer.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 92 Points (2021)

Food friendly, and delicious, this Cabernet Sauvignon combines flavors of dark fruit with savory herbs, fennel, and a sprinkle of sweet spices. Approachable tannins and balanced acidity make this a go-to Napa Valley wine. Editors' Choice