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Duckhorn Vineyards 2014 Napa Valley 'The Discussion'

California, USA



DRY MED SWEET

ALCOHOL 14.5%

VARIETY

57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

Colour Notes

Dark purple/crimson.

Aroma Notes

Dazzling array of aromas from cinnamon, nutmeg, caramel and cocoa powder to fresh boysenberry, currant and ripe red plum.

Palate Notes

The flavours are every bit as complex as the aromas, with layers of blackberry, plum, licorice, vanilla and violet accentuated by elegant tannins and a plush, velvety texture. The finish is long and satisfying, with a hint of dusty tannins and bittersweet dark chocolate.



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Wine & Spirits

93 POINTS

Renee Ary blends this wine from a range of Duckhorn's vineyards in Napa Valley, the 2014 including Three Palms merlot for the first time. It's mostly cabernet sauvignon (57 percent) and merlot, with a little franc and petit verdot. Ary ages the wine 18 months in new French oak, then another six months in neutral barrels. This vintage offers the silken red fruit of cooler Napa Valley cabernet sites and the extravagance of riper fruit. For all its supple richness, it feels racy, a savory matrix of red and black fruit, salty mineral tones and oak smoke. The integration is impressive, suggesting it will develop into a complex maturity with cellar time.

International Wine Report

92 POINTS

The 2014 The Discussion is a rich wine which begins with aromas of dark fruits, red bell pepper, black olive tapenade and milk chocolate shavings. With beautiful concentration and a lovely mouthfeel the wine reveals black olive, cassis, dark chocolate and boysenberry pie flavors that connect with a nice tension through the finish. (OB)

Maturity

2017 2033

Dhall & Nash

Excellent – ageable but drinking now, round very long, delicious length. The story goes that the owner and winemaker had a big discussion about the best blend – Cabernet or Merlot dominant. In the end the owner won with a Cabernet dominant wine. -P. Dhall (June, 2018)







PRODUCTION OF

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MATURATION

18 months in oak. 100% French Oak, 95% New Oak, 5% Neutral. 6 additional months in 100% Neutral

PH LEVEL

TA (TOTAL ACIDITY)

3.73

0.58 g/100 ml



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IMAGE: DUCKHORN VINEYARDS





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FRUITION

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