

2022 DECOY LIMITED ALEXANDER VALLEY MERLOT

Established in 1985 by legendary vintners Dan and Margaret Duckhorn, our roots run deep at Decoy. Building on our rich winemaking heritage, we invite you to experience Decoy Limited.

Crafted using grapes from some of the most acclaimed Alexander Valley vineyards, this alluring wine offers luscious layers of plum, cherry, blackberry and raspberry with hints of savory herbs, rustic earthiness and French oak-inspired notes of toffee and cardamom.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 Alexander Valley growing season was similar to 2021, with limited rainfall and warm daytime temperatures throughout summer. Cool nights allowed our Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc to retain ideal acidity, while developing vibrant tropical and citrus flavors. Our reds produced average-sized crops, leading to happy, balanced vines. Near Labor Day, we had four very hot days, which led to three busy weeks of picking. With rain in the forecast as we approached October, we made a final push to complete harvest. The overall quality of the 2022 harvest was very high, with our whites showing beautiful brightness and energetic citrus and stone fruit flavors, and our reds offering inky colors, concentrated dark berry flavors, and round, silky tannins.

WINEMAKING NOTES

From the first swirl to the final sip, this Merlot embodies a sense of polished indulgence. Aromas of chocolate and ripe blueberry are accented by toasty spice brought on by time in barrel. On the palate, it is silky and full-bodied, a symphony of flavor ready to be enjoyed in good company.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Alexander Valley
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged in French oak barrels for 14 months 40% new, 60% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.65
ACIDITY	0.59 g/100 ml

