

DUCKHORN® VINEYARDS



The fertile soil of California has given life to many dreams over the years, like that shared by Dan and Margaret Duckhorn in 1976.

Together, they set out to create incredible wine together in Napa Valley and now, decades later, their name is synonymous with the best of California's winemaking spirit and a favorite with discerning consumers around the country. Here's how Dan and Margaret got from their start in 1976 to today.

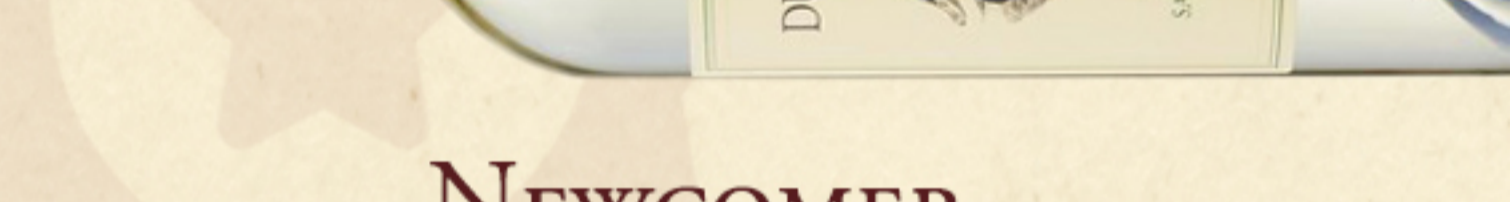
INSPIRED BY BORDEAUX

Co-founder Dan Duckhorn took a trip to France's Bordeaux winemaking region in the mid-1970s, and what he saw — and tasted — on that trip convinced him to make his own merlot.



FIRST HARVEST

When Dan and Margaret purchased their spot of land in 1976, it was one of the first 40 post-Prohibition wineries in California and covered just 10 acres of prized Napa farmland. Their first harvest at Duckhorn yielded 800 barrels of merlot and 800 barrels of cabernet sauvignon in 1978.



NEWCOMER

Duckhorn first expanded its portfolio in 1982 with the addition of sauvignon blanc. The portfolio now includes seven estate vineyards, and Duckhorn Vineyards has been named one of the "Top 100 Wineries" in the world seven times by Wine & Spirits.

THREE PALMS

Duckhorn's Three Palms vineyard is named for the three palm trees that grow in the midst of the field, planted by a previous owner, San Francisco socialite Lillie Hitchcock Coit.



STEADY LINEUP

Duckhorn has a knack for attracting and keeping quality people. For instance, CEO and president Alex Ryan first came to work at Duckhorn in 1981 during high school vacations. Winemaker Renée Ary started her career at Duckhorn in 2003, and in 2014, she was promoted to Head Winemaker.



DUCKHORN'S 2014 THREE PALMS VINEYARD MERLOT IS WINE SPECTATOR'S #1 FOR 2017

In 2017, Wine Spectator proclaimed, "Merlot is back, and deservedly so...Duckhorn's Three Palms bottling in the excellent 2014 vintage is ample proof." The vintage was the first released after Renée Ary's promotion to Head Winemaker and scored a 95 rating, in addition to the top spot in Wine Spectator's year-end list.

OPEN HOUSE

The Duckhorn Vineyards Estate House and Tasting Room in St. Helena opened in 2001. The site is ideal for pioneering an intimate and sophisticated wine tasting experience that quickly set the standard for wine country hospitality and opened a new channel for consumers to engage with Duckhorn's ever-growing portfolio of wines.

