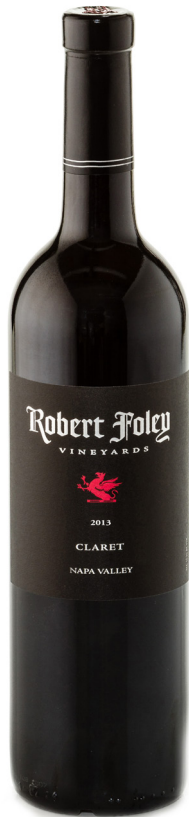


Robert Foley

VINEYARDS



2013 CLARET

Our flagship wine is full and rich and utterly even across the palate. The Claret, Napa-Style, is made of the best we have – a classic Left Bank Bordeaux-style blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot. Ripe black cherry and toasty French oak aromas open with hints of menthol and lavender. The mid-palate is elegantly even and beautifully balanced, allowing the flavors to coat the mouth and linger long in the finish. The Claret can be considered its own food group!

The mountain vineyards (Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder) share a common denominator in structure – big firm shoulders, masculine tannins, but individual characteristics. Howell Mountain, at 2000ft, on the east side of Napa Valley, has extreme exposure, larger temperature swings, and volcanic soil, creating very firm tannins. Mount Veeder has geologically churned volcanic and ocean-floor soil and the vineyard is nestled in a dense wild forest, which contributes exotic aromatics of menthol and spice in a slightly more refined interplay. Calistoga vineyards are hotter and earlier to ripen, which provide the mid-palate lushness of glycerin and a higher alcohol.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2013 Claret

Appellation: Napa Valley [Calistoga, Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder]

Vineyards: Mountain and Valley floor – see above

Varieties: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Harvest: Hand picked October 2013

Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels [20 months]

Alcohol: 15.5%

Bottled: May 2015

Winemaker: Bob Foley

Retail price: \$125