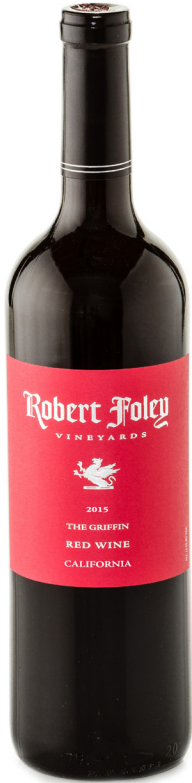


# Robert Foley

## VINEYARDS

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### 2015 THE GRIFFIN

The Griffin – on the Foley family crest in Irish heraldry combines the strengths of the lion, king of beasts, with the eagle, king of the skies.

A winemaker's dream is to be artistically free to combine characters into wine that is purely hedonic and non-compliant with varietal regulations, so The Griffin's blend changes with every vintage.

Bottled in Spring of 2017, this vibrantly youthful red blend is an inky dark red leggy wine! Red berry fruit aromas and flavors evenly coat the palate and linger long in the finish. Gently gripping tannins carry a hint of espresso character. A delicious blend of bright fruit flavors.

More than half of this blend are classic claret varieties (Cabernet, Malbec, Merlot, Petit Verdot), which marry with Rhone-rooted varieties (Syrah, Petite Sirah, Charbono). Delicious in its youth, this red blend will age elegantly for many years.

This year's blend is 28% Merlot, 19% Petite Sirah, 14% Charbono, 12% Malbec, 11% Syrah, 10% Petit Verdot, and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2015 The Griffin

Appellation: California

Vineyard: Multiple locations – Valley Floor and Mountain AVAs

Varieties: Merlot, Cabernet, Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, Syrah, Charbono

Harvest: Hand-picked October 2015

Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottled: May 2017

Winemaker: Bob Foley

Retail price: \$38