## Robert Foley VINEYARDS



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## 2018 THE GRIFFIN

Super dark in color, the contributions of Petite Sirah and Syrah are immediately evident. Aromas of ripe red and black fruit marry with a hint of cedar. On the palate this ripe rich red blend is amazingly lively – the weight of the Rhône varieties balanced perfectly by the mid-palate of our classic Merlot. A bit of Charbono completes the dance! Having just enough grip in the finish makes this a very approachable, versatile, food-friendly red wine.

Like its namesake, this Griffin is a powerful combination of strengths. This year's blend is 44% Merlot, 40% Petite Sirah, 14% Syrah, and 2% Charbono.

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.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2018 The Griffin Appellation: California Vineyard: Multiple locations – Valley Floor and Mountain AVAs Varieties: Merlot, Cabernet, Petite Sirah, Syrah, Charbono Harvest: Hand-picked October 2018 Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels Alcohol: 15.5% Bottled: August 2020 Production: 1800 cases Winemaker: Bob Foley Retail price: \$45