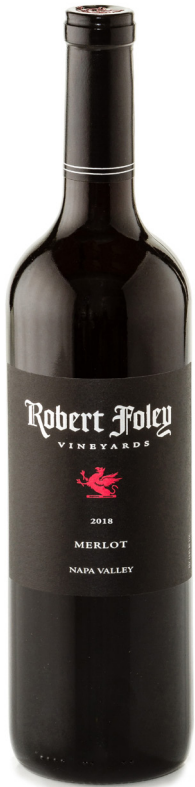


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VINEYARDS



2018 MERLOT

The 2018 vintage Napa Valley Merlot draws on the intensity and structure of mountain-grown fruit coupled with the soft richness of lower elevation Merlot to provide a perfect texture. Ripe black fruit flavors coat the entire palate and linger in a long delicious finish. This is a merlot for true Merlot lovers! [93 Jeb Dunnuck]

I produced my first commercial Merlot in the 1976 vintage when it was about as well-known as Charbono is today. After several years of trying to convince folks to give it a try, its popularity grew and eventually snowballed. Of course, Bordeaux producers have worked with this grape variety for many years and it is the noble variety of the Cabernet family on the right bank of that region. Like its Cabernet cousin, Merlot grown in well-drained soils can develop profound expression and firm structure.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2018 Merlot

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyards: Mostly Calistoga, with a splash of Howell Mountain

Variety: 100% Merlot

Harvest: Hand-picked late September 2018

Vinification: 7-day fermentation in stainless; aged in French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.5%

Bottled: August 2020

Production: 665 cases

Winemaker: Bob Foley

Retail price: \$60