

## Robert Foley Vineyards, Merlot, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley, California, USA 2021

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### SINGLE TASTING

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**Tasted by:** Jonathan Cristaldi  
(at Angwin, California, 30 Jul 2025)  
**Drinking Window:** 2025 - 2040

The wine is super powerful and full-throttle, with inky black-fruit notes and rich tobacco and cedarwood nuances, all beautifully balanced and framed by violets and allspice. The palate is full-bodied, showing bright, ripe dark fruit and muscular tannins that, for all their girth, remain superfine and elegant. It is at once massive and refined, with wild-herb nuances and dark-chocolate notes carrying through to a long, balanced, and remarkably suave finish. Aged for 18 months in one-third new French oak. Robert Foley has been making wine in Napa Valley since 1977, learning under Joe Heitz and André Tchelistcheff before shaping the styles at Markham and Pride Mountain, and founding his own Howell Mountain estate in 1998. Known for patient, long-lived reds, he insists that real winemaking begins in the vineyard.



Producer	<b>Robert Foley Vineyards</b>
Brand	<b>Merlot</b>
Vintage	<b>2021</b>
Wine Type	<b>Still</b>
Colour	<b>Red</b>
Country	<b>USA</b>
Region	<b>California</b>
Appellation	<b>Napa Valley</b>
Sweetness	<b>Dry</b>
Closure	<b>Cork</b>
Alcohol	<b>16.10%</b>
Body	<b>Full</b>
Oak	<b>Yes</b>
Grapes	<b>100% Merlot</b>