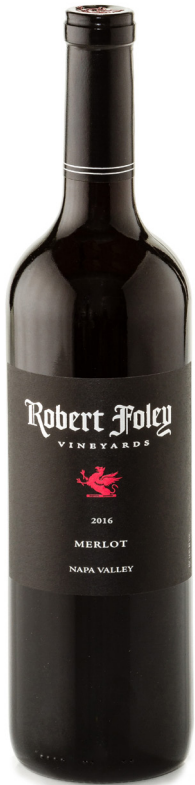


Robert Foley

VINEYARDS



2016 MERLOT

Deep and Dark in color, this 100% Merlot combines the structure of Howell Mountain fruit with the softness of the lower elevation Calistoga vineyard. A gush of cherry candy flavors floods the mid palate with a deliciously rich texture. Gentle tannins coat the mouth and resolve with well-balanced acidity in the long mouthwatering finish. This is a Merlot for Cabernet lovers.

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: 2016 Merlot

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyards: Mostly Calistoga, with a little Howell Mountain

Variety: 100% Merlot

Harvest: Hand-picked late September 2016

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

Alcohol: 15.2%

Bottled: April 2018

Production: 600 cases

Winemaker: Bob Foley

Retail price: \$52