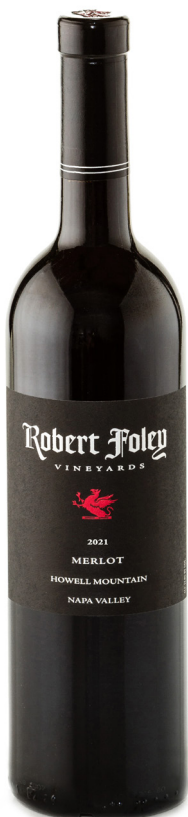


# Robert Foley

## VINEYARDS

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### 2021 HOWELL MOUNTAIN MERLOT

Opaque in appearance, black currant, black cherry and cassis characterize the aromatic expression. The black fruit flavors flood the palate in a seductive mouth coating texture which dances with well-balanced natural acidity. The finish goes on and on with gently gripping tannin which completes the delightful experience of this classic mountain-grown Merlot from 2000' elevation atop Howell Mountain.

The volcanic terroir and high-elevation exposure really concentrate the fruit, producing extremely dark color, with an almost Cabernet-like intensity. Only three barrels are bottled of this mountain Merlot, grown on our winery property in a small single-vineyard block adjacent to our wine-production facility.

*My first experience with Merlot grown on Howell Mountain was in the 1980s and I was astounded by the expression of Merlot grown in this Viticultural Area. In 2006, we planted Clone 3 Merlot from cuttings at the Paloma Vineyard on Spring Mountain, whose wines I produced during their first eight vintages beginning in 1994. I felt these were some of the best Merlot bottlings I have had the pleasure to craft in the 44 vintages I have worked with this grape variety and I was thrilled to bring this pedigree clone to our Howell Mountain Vineyard.*

*Most of the production from this small lot is blended into our Napa Valley Merlot, but we set aside a small amount from each vintage to be bottled separately as a 100% Howell Mountain Merlot.*

### SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2021 Howell Mountain Merlot  
Appellation: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley  
Vineyard: Robert Foley Estate  
Harvest: Hand-picked early October 2021  
Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels  
Alcohol: 16.1%  
Bottled: May 2023  
Production: 72 cases  
Winemaker: Bob Foley