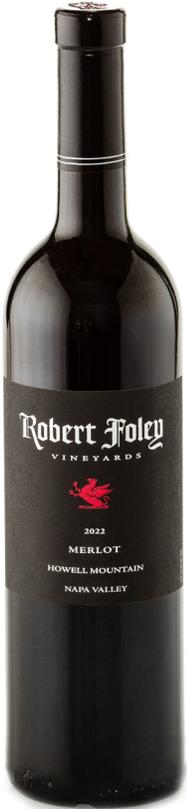


Robert Foley

VINEYARDS



2022 HOWELL MOUNTAIN MERLOT

Single-vineyard estate-grown Merlot from the vineyards surrounding the Robert Foley Vineyards winery facility at 2000 feet elevation on Howell Mountain. An amazing aroma of ripe black cherry with a hint of cedar introduces this mountain-grown Merlot. The deep, rich mouth-feel is beautifully balanced with ample tannins that resolve softly. This structured Merlot is really quite an amazing wine and likely the biggest Merlot you've tried.

WINERMAKER NOTES

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.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2022 Howell Mountain Merlot
Appellation: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley
Vineyard: Robert Foley estate vineyard
Harvest: Hand-picked mid-September 2022
Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels
Alcohol: 14.1%
Bottled: April 2024
Production: 100 cases
Winemaker: Bob Foley