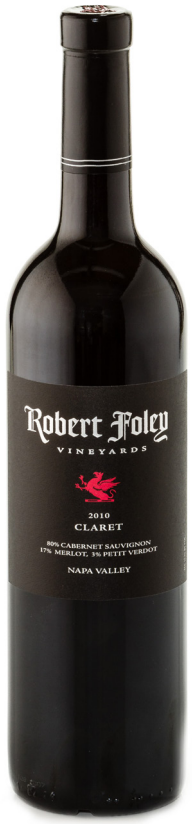
Robert Foley
VINEYARDS



2010 CLARET

Our flagship wine is full and rich and utterly even across the palate: side-to-side and front-to-back. The Bordeaux Blend, Napa-Style! Foley Claret has returned to its roots as a Bordeaux blend of the best we have: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon from our Howell Mountain and Atlas Peak vineyards, 17% Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot, which together contribute lushness of the mid palate and exotic aromatics of violet and lavender. This classic Cabernet-based blend will blow your mind in its youth and age gracefully for decades to come.

The three mountain vineyards (Atlas Peak, Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder) share a common denominator in structure – big firm shoulders, masculine tannins, but individual characteristics. Atlas Peak, on the west side of Napa Valley, has a maritime influence from Suisun and San Pablo bays and volcanic soil. Howell Mountain, at 2000ft, on the east side of Napa Valley, has extreme exposure, larger temperature swings, and volcanic soil, creating very firm tannins. Mount Veeder has geologically churned volcanic and ocean-floor soil and the vineyard is set in a dense forest, which contributes exotic aromatics of menthol and spice in a slightly more refined interplay. Calistoga vineyards are hotter and earlier to ripen, which provides the mid-palate lushness of glycerin and a higher alcohol.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2010 Claret
Appellation: Napa Valley [Atlas Peak, Calistoga, Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder]
Vineyards: Mountain and Valley floor – see above
Varieties: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot
Harvest: Hand picked October 2010
Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels [20 months]
Alcohol: 15.3%
Bottled: June 2012
Production: 450 cases
Winemaker: Bob Foley
Retail price: $110

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