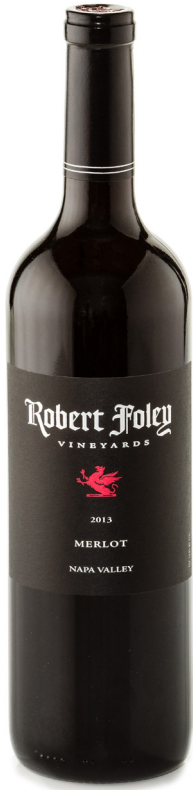


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## VINEYARDS

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### 2013 MERLOT

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's response to well-drained soils is profound expression and firm structure in the wines grown there.

This is a Merlot for Cabernet lovers. Very dark ruby in color, the ripeness follows with aromas of candied fruit, black cherry and dark currant with a hint of mocha and espresso. The rich flavorful middle is framed by perfectly balanced natural acidity combining mouth coating viscosity and a long lively finish.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2013 Merlot

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyards: Calistoga and Howell Mountain

Variety: 100% Merlot

Harvest: Hand-picked October 2013

Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.3%

Bottled: May 2015

Production: 800 cases

Winemaker: Bob Foley

Retail price: \$52