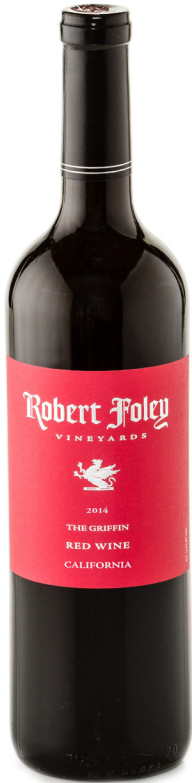


# Robert Foley

## VINEYARDS

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### 2014 THE GRIFFIN

The Griffin – on the Foley family crest in Irish heraldry combines the strengths of the lion, king of beasts, with the eagle, king of the skies.

A winemaker's dream is to be artistically free to combine characters into wine that is purely hedonic and non-compliant with varietal regulations, so The Griffin's blend changes with every vintage.

Bottled in Spring of 2016, this vibrantly youthful red blend offers aromas of red and black berry fruit, rose petals and just a touch of vanilla. The full body is framed by gently gripping fine tannins and a flood of berry fruit. More than half of this blend are classic claret varieties (Cabernet, Merlot, Petit Verdot), which marry with Rhone-rooted varieties (Syrah, Petite Sirah, Charbono). Delicious in its youth, this red blend combines the stuffing and balance to age elegantly for many years.

This year's blend is 32% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Petite Sirah, 10% Petit Verdot, 10% Syrah, 9% Charbono

### SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2014 The Griffin

Appellation: California

Vineyard: Multiple locations – Valley Floor and Mountain AVAs

Varieties: Merlot, Cabernet, Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, Syrah, Charbono

Harvest: Hand-picked October 2014

Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.5%

Bottled: May 2016

Winemaker: Bob Foley

Retail price: \$38