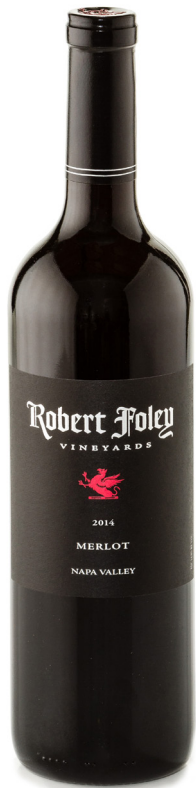


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VINEYARDS



2014 MERLOT

This is a Merlot for Cabernet lovers. All Merlot, but more wine than a lot of Cabernets! Aromas reminiscent of red currant and cassis couple with an insinuation of chocolate. The mid-palate is rich with sweet fruit flavors that resolve in a gently gripping finish.

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 grown in well-drained soils can develop profound expression and firm structure.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2014 Merlot
Appellation: Napa Valley
Vineyards: Calistoga and Howell Mountain
Variety: 100% Merlot
Harvest: Hand-picked October 2014
Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels
Alcohol: 15.1%
Bottled: May 2016
Production: 800 cases
Winemaker: Bob Foley
Retail price: \$52