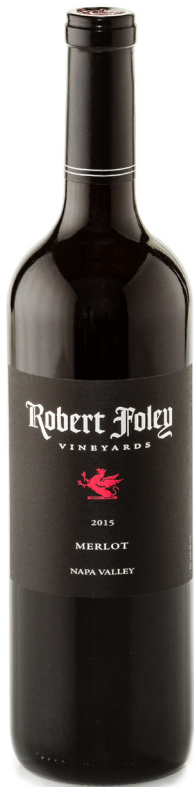


# Robert Foley

## VINEYARDS

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### 2015 MERLOT

Very ripe aromas of black currant and a trace of cedar introduce the first taste of this 100% varietal Merlot, which floods the middle with expansive ripe black fruit flavors from our Valley Floor vineyards as the gently gripping tannin of our Howell Mountain fruit coats the palate and lingers in a long finish. This “Merlot for Cabernet lovers” gracefully balances the best characteristics of these two remarkable Napa Valley AVAs.

*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: 2015 Merlot

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyards: Mostly Calistoga with a little Howell Mountain

Variety: 100% Merlot

Harvest: Hand-picked October 2015

Vinification: 7-day fermentation in stainless; aged in French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.2%

Bottled: May 2017

Production: 600 cases

Winemaker: Bob Foley