

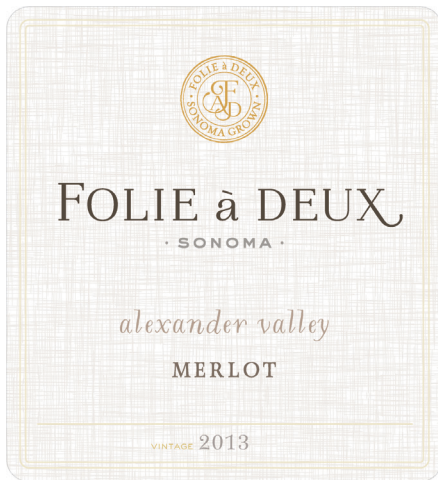


# FOLIE à DEUX

· SONOMA ·

## *alexander valley* MERLOT

VINTAGE 2013



### APPELLATION

Grapes for the Folie à Deux 2013 Alexander Valley, Sonoma Merlot are hand-picked from a selection of prime vineyards in the cooler parts of Alexander Valley. Nestled in northern Sonoma County, Alexander Valley AVA stretches 22 miles from Healdsburg to Cloverdale, following the meandering course of the Russian River. Along its heavily graveled bench lands and foothills lie some of California's supreme Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards, which benefit from the region's warm daytime temperatures, marine-cooled evenings and well-drained, volcanic hillside soils.

### GROWING SEASON

2013 was a phenomenal vintage for Sonoma County. Harvest began slightly earlier than previous years, yet the pace quickly sped up towards the end of August and throughout September as many varieties ripened at the same time. Fruit quality was exceptional, achieving ample ripeness on every metric.

### WINEMAKING

Following a 10-14 day maceration period, the lots are aged for 17 months in a combination of French, American and Hungarian oak barrels. This wine is bright and varietally expressive.

### TASTING NOTES

The Folie à Deux 2013 Alexander Valley Merlot has bright, enticing berry fruit characteristics with hints of toasted caramel from the oak and a lavish layer of velvety tannins. The fruit, vanilla and cherry flavors are concentrated and focused boasting a firm, yet plush finish. Folie à Deux 2013 Alexander Valley Merlot is inviting with balanced acidity, making it a perfect complement to most meat dishes, such as Mediterranean lamb burgers or a slow cooked roast beef.

COMPOSITION: 99% Merlot, 1% Syrah

APPELLATION: 100% Alexander Valley

HARVEST DATE: September 2013

RELEASE DATE: July 2016

ALCOHOL: 14.20%

PH: 3.65

TA: 0.58 g/100ml

BARRELS PRODUCED: 612

SRP: \$20

*We admit it: we're in love with Sonoma County! Its incredible diversity makes it unique and provides us the rare opportunity to work with grapes from an amazing collection of superior appellations—from cool, coastal regions to warm, rugged mountain sites and everything in between. This broad array of distinctive growing conditions allows us to craft a portfolio of sustainable wines that captures the full range and beautifully expressive characteristics of Sonoma's world-class wine districts.*

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