

# *Greetings from the Alexander Valley!*

With the New Year upon us, we welcome many exciting tasks here at Foley Sonoma.

With the successful 2018 harvest tucked away in barrel, we will now turn our attention to the 2017 vintage, which has been aging slowly in our cellar. These early months of the year will be crucial for creating the master blends of the 2017 vintage and in turn, allow them to continue their aging process as a final blend. After several more months of aging, we will begin bottling preparations. This process always reveals how magnificent Alexander Valley fruit is, and the high quality wines that are produced in this beautiful valley.

One of my favorite things about working here is watching the estate vineyard change throughout the seasons. The vineyards are currently in their dormant resting stage, awaiting the warmer weather to come this spring. Once bud break begins, our vineyards will transform from a dark brown to a beautiful bright green. This is a perfect time for club members and guests to visit our winery and get a first-hand look at the beginning of a new vintage. If you are lucky, you may get a chance to visit our barrel room for a taste of something special!

We hope you enjoy this month's wine selections and hope to see you soon!

Cheers Friends and Family,

*Rosalio "Chalo" Fernandez, Winemaker*



## REORDER INFORMATION

Enjoy 30% savings on reorders of current club wines. Order 12 or more bottles of any of the current club wines and receive \$10 ground shipping (not valid to HI or AK). To order, please visit [www.foleysonoma.com](http://www.foleysonoma.com), or contact us at 800.433.1944, ext. 2 or [wineclub@foleysonoma.com](mailto:wineclub@foleysonoma.com). Offer expires March 18, 2019.

2017 Foley Sonoma Russian River Valley Pinot Noir  
Retail \$42.00 | Wine Club \$33.60 | Re-order \$29.40

2017 Foley Sonoma Winemaker's Chardonnay  
Retail \$38.00 | Wine Club \$30.40 | Re-order \$26.60

2015 Foley Sonoma Estate Tannat  
Retail \$36.00 | Wine Club \$28.80 | Re-order \$25.20

2016 Foley Sonoma Oz Zinfandel  
Retail \$40.00 | Wine Club \$32.00 | Re-order \$28.00

2015 Foley Sonoma Estate Cabernet Sauvignon  
Retail \$48.00 | Wine Club \$38.40 | Re-order \$33.60

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*Your wine selection will vary based on your club membership.*

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## **2017 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

### **TASTING NOTES**

Our 2017 Russian River Pinot Noir is a medium-bodied wine with lively characteristics. On the nose, it provides vibrant aromas of strawberry, cranberry, and cherry cola. On the palate, flavors of red cherry, raspberry, and baking spices are finished with a vibrant natural acidity. It is a great representation of a fruit forward driven wine.

### **WINE STATS**

*Composition:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Aging:* 14 months in French oak, 25% new

*Alcohol:* 14.9%

*TA:* 7.0 g/L

*pH:* 3.47

*Production:* 318 cases

## **2015 ESTATE TANNAT ALEXANDER VALLEY**

### **TASTING NOTES**

Lush blackberry, black plum and powdered dark chocolate dominate the aromatic profile of our 2015 Tannat. The palate is rich and round with silky tannins and elegant acidity, which help to balance the ripe fruit qualities that are characteristic of the 2015 vintage. It is drinking well now, but could be set aside for up to 5-7 years to round out the young tannins.

### **WINE STATS**

*Composition:* 97% Tannat, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

*Aging:* 22 months in French oak, 40% new

*Alcohol:* 15.2%

*TA:* 6.2 g/L

*pH:* 3.59

*Production:* 155 cases

## 2015 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a great representation of the Alexander Valley AVA, providing us with full body and well-structured tannins. It opens with rich dark fruit aromas of blackberry, black cherry, and cassis, with a hint of toffee. The dark fruit characteristics continue on to the palate with additional flavors of dark chocolate and vanilla. Thanks to the youthful tannins on the finish, this wine will continue to age gracefully for 7-10 years.

### WINE STATS

<i>Composition:</i> 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Tannat, 2% Cabernet Franc	<i>TA:</i> 5.8 g/L <i>pH:</i> 3.59
<i>Aging:</i> 25 months in French oak, 35% new	<i>Production:</i> 214 cases
<i>Alcohol:</i> 15.0%	

## 2017 WINEMAKER'S CHARDONNAY ALEXANDER VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

The Foley Sonoma Winemaker Series includes wines hand crafted and selected by our winemaker. Each wine in the series embodies a distinct representation of terroir which is illustrated by the hand painted watercolors depicted on our labels. Our 2017 Winemaker Series Chardonnay is a full wine with aromas of honeydew melon, fresh citrus and yellow pear. Flavors of baked apple and freshly made crème brûlée coat the palate with bright notes of Meyer lemon. The vibrant and satisfying finish offers lingering minerality, leaving your taste buds ready for the next sip.

### WINE STATS

<i>Composition:</i> 100% Chardonnay	<i>TA:</i> 6.0 g/L
<i>Aging:</i> 11 months in French oak, 40% new	<i>pH:</i> 3.52
<i>Alcohol:</i> 14.5%	<i>Production:</i> 96cases

## 2016 OZ ZINFANDEL ALEXANDER VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

Originally planted in 1896, the Oz Vineyard is one of the oldest vineyards in Alexander Valley and we are pleased to be able to craft such a stunning wine from our friendly neighbors! The 2016 OZ Zinfandel has a distinct cherry pie aromatic profile, which follows onto the palate. Although opulent with dark, ripe fruit spilling into every edge of it, tart cherry notes help to keep the wine from taking itself too seriously, and provides for a wine that should age well for the next seven years.

### WINE STATS

*Composition:* 100% Zinfandel

*TA:* 6.4 g/L

*Aging:* 23 months in French oak, 35% new

*pH:* 3.69

*Alcohol:* 16.8%

*Production:* 258 cases

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Cult Cabernet Classic*

Saturday, February 23, 2019 | 1pm - 4pm

Join us for a once in a lifetime chance to try the best vintages of the most coveted and allocated Cabernet Sauvignons in California. Sit down for a guided blind comparative tasting with our superstar Sommelier panel, taking you through 5 cult wines in this very rare and limited opportunity to taste some of the best Cabernets from California!

*This is an event that will not disappoint so please be sure to RSVP ASAP as seating is limited and we are sure to sell out quickly.*

If you need assistance, please contact your concierge at (855) 883-8688 or [concierge@foleyfoodandwinesociety.com](mailto:concierge@foleyfoodandwinesociety.com)