

FOLEY F SONOMA

2016 ESTATE CABERNET FRANC ALEXANDER VALLEY

Foley Sonoma is dedicated to mixing old-world tradition and modern technology to create limited production, luxury wines from estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley appellation within Sonoma County. Our family has been growing and creating wines since 1996 throughout California and beyond. The estate vineyards offer diverse terrain and soil types that cater to our focus on the five noble Bordeaux varieties — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We look forward to sharing the wines from this special place with you and your family for years to come. — The Foley Family

VINTAGE

2016 was a superb vintage in Alexander Valley. Although yields were slightly lower than in 2015, fruit quality was high across all varieties. Veraison set in early and completed by the end of July - beginning of August, and a week of warm temperatures pushed harvest up ahead of schedule. The fruit was harvested October 13, 2016 and entered the crush pad in optimal condition.

VINYARDS & WINEMAKING

The vineyards of Foley Sonoma lie at the heart of our estate in the Alexander Valley. Our Cabernet Franc comes from just one acre of our estate valley floor planted on mostly clay soils. The block is oriented north/south, and benefits from plenty of sunshine during the growing season. Following harvest, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks and then racked to French oak barrels. After aging for 22 months with regular lees stirring, the wine was bottled.

TASTING NOTES

True to the varietal, this Cabernet Franc marries bright red cherry with herbaceous notes and cigar box to create a complex and intriguing nose. Silky tannins and an elegant acidity balance the bright fruit creating a complex and inviting wine. Although this wine is drinking well in its youth, keeping in a safe place for 3-5 years will add more depth and intrigue.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Composition: 76% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot,
2% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

Aging: 22 months in French oak, 40% new

Alcohol: 14%

TA: 5.8 g/L

pH: 3.63

Production: 171 Cases

