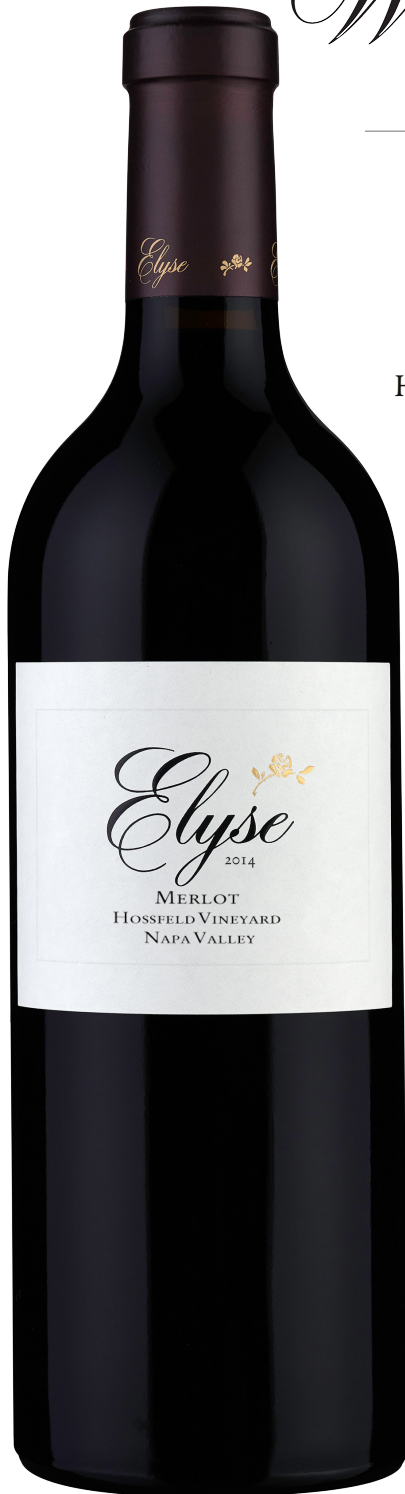


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Winery



MERLOT  
HOSSFELD VINEYARD  
NAPA VALLEY

2014

**PRODUCTION**  
230 cases (12-pack 750ml)

**SOURCES**  
Hossfeld Vineyard  
Holbrook Mitchell Vineyard

**BLEND**  
Merlot 97%  
Cabernet Sauvignon 3%

**HARVEST DATE**  
September 16

**HARVEST BRIX**  
25.7°

**MACERATION**  
15 day native yeast  
fermentation

**AGING**  
22 months in  
French oak  
(70% new)

**PH**      **TA**  
3.64      6.1 g/L

**ALCOHOL**  
15.0%

**TASTING NOTES**

We are so pleased to continue working with these meticulously farmed grapes. The vineyard is truly special and we strive to translate its essence into wine. The 2014 is dark red in color and features perfectly ripe red and black fruit that greet you as you lift the glass. Raspberries, rhubarb, blueberries, and plums mingle with dark chocolate, cracked black pepper, and sweet cherries. It is lavishly textured with deep, dense fruit flavors of cherries, figs, mulberries, and plums with underlying hints of forest floor. This wine is rich and lively on the palate with ripe tannins and a long finish.

**THE VINEYARD**

Hossfeld vineyard is located in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, 1500 feet above the valley floor where steep terraces have been chiseled into the bedrock of Soda Canyon. Each hole had to be dynamited in order to plant and the vines produce low yield, high quality grapes from these stressed growing conditions. The heat from Soda Canyon radiates up the hillside and keeps the rocks warm into the early evening. The vineyard receives lots of morning sun and the afternoon breezes and southern exposure create remarkable grapes with intense color and beautiful red fruit flavors.