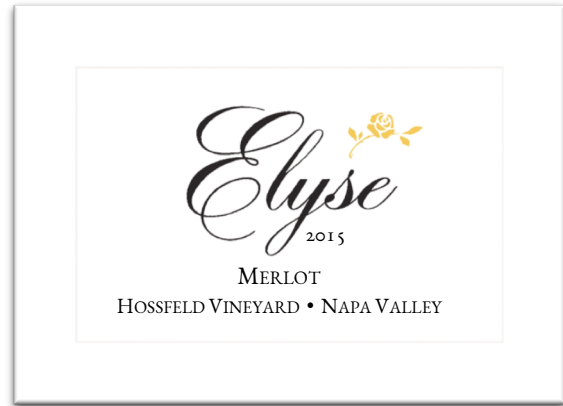


2015

MERLOT

HOSSFELD VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY



HARVEST DATES: 9/11
GRAPE SOURCE: Hossfeld and
Welecka Vineyards
BLEND: 96% Merlot and 4%
Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST BRIX: 25.5°
MACERATION: 15 day native yeast
fermentation
AGING: 22 months in French
oak (66% new)
PH: 3.56
TA: 6.0 G/L
ALCOHOL: 14.8%
PRODUCTION: 131 cases 12-pack
750ml

TASTING NOTES:

The 2015 Hossfeld Merlot is garnet colored with uplifting aromas of Morello cherries, cinnamon, citrus blossoms and clove. It is medium-to-full bodied with flavors of plums, raspberries, and cherries in the foreground while hints of herbs and baking spice play in the back. This wine is aromatic, balanced, and complex with ripe tannins and a long finish to round everything out.

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.



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