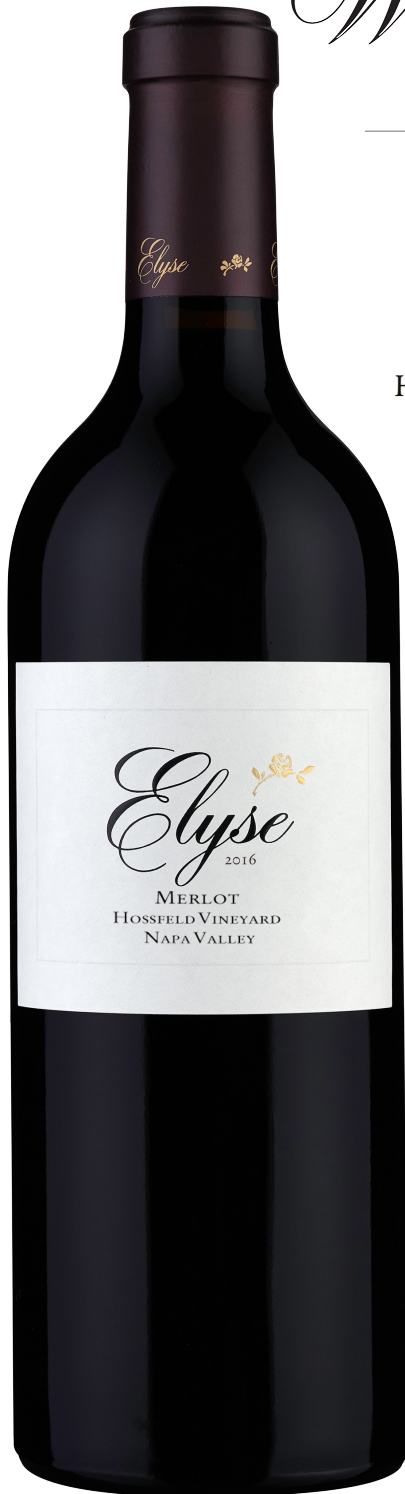


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Winery



MERLOT
HOSSFELD VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

2016

PRODUCTION
183 cases (12-pack 750ml)

SOURCES
Hossfeld Vineyard
Holbrook Mitchell Vineyard

BLEND
Merlot 96%
Cabernet Sauvignon 3%
Cabernet Franc 1%

HARVEST DATES
September 12, 27
October 3

HARVEST BRIX
26.3°, 27.0°, 25.8°

MACERATION
15 day native yeast
fermentation

AGING
22 months in
French oak
(66% new)

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3.55 6.04 g/L

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Hossfeld Merlot is garnet colored with uplifting aromas of blackberry pie, cassis, sage, dark chocolate, and cracked black pepper. Smooth on the entry and with a very broad mouth-feel, this wine boasts flavors of Boysenberries, Bing cherries, cassis, and beets. A sturdy structure of tannins balanced with acid and sweet oak round out the long finish of this remarkable wine.

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.