



HOOPES

2014 MAYA'S BLOCK MERLOT
HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

"This classic grape is happiest grown in slightly cooler regions and heavier soils. That makes Howell Mountain the ideal location for growing Merlot. Our winemaker, Anne Vawter, selected the Las Posadas vineyard because of its ideal soil composition, namely volcanic, and its proximity to some of the mountain's most famous producers. Farmed by a good friend, this site has amazing character and balance. We are very excited to share this discovery with you."

*- Second Generation Proprietor
Lindsay Hoopes*



TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley
Composition: 95% Merlot,
5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Aspect: SE
Soils: White Tufa

Slope: Elevation 1,800 Feet
Rootstock: 101-14 & 3309
Clone: 181
Barrels: 100% French, 77% New
Barrel Aging: 21 Months

Alcohol: 14.9%
PH: 3.72
TA: 5.45 g/L
Date Bottled: July 14, 2016
Number of Cases: 131

VINTAGE

Another drought year, tempered by moderate even weather, has yielded a Napa Valley vintage delivering stunning layers and complexity.

TASTING NOTES

"There is no mistaking Mountain Merlot. Rich, dark notes of cocoa and espresso unfold to sappy bayberry, fresh lavender, blackberry, carnations, and candied violets. The lush and generous palate gives way to ripe, sweet, tannins and flavors of black cherry and dark chocolate. The mouthwatering finish brings balance to the intensity and energy of this lovely mountain fruit, departing gracefully with warm vanilla, milk chocolate and toasty biscuit."

*- Winemakers
Anne Vawter & Jennifer Rue*