

FOLEY **F** SONOMA

WINE CLUB NEWSLETTER
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Greetings from the Alexander Valley!



Happy fall everyone! I'm honored to introduce myself as the new Winemaker at Foley Sonoma. This is the perfect opportunity to let you know how excited I am to be part of Foley Sonoma Winery. I started my journey as the Assistant Winemaker here almost three years ago. It did not take long for me to appreciate how much the Alexander Valley has to offer to a winemaker. Taking the lead from Courtney Foley, my winemaking philosophy is to continue with the tradition of letting the fruit speak for itself.

The team wanted me to share a bit about myself, so here it goes! I came to wine country when I was 18 years old from Mexico and quickly realized that I wanted to immerse myself in all things wine after working my first harvest. After that, I moved to a tasting room, but the production side of this industry kept calling to me. That's where I found my passion for winemaking. What I love about winemaking is how each harvest represents a completely different experience and interpretation of the growing season.

Every morning when I get to Foley Sonoma during fall I love the smell of fermentation especially when we have foggy mornings; it seems to amplify the aromas and creates a beautiful backdrop to the winery. Seeing the vines and trees changing colors creates a state of mind that signifies the beginning of the end of the current year's cycle. This year, harvest was right on track, but in the second week of September we had low temperatures that created a slower ripening cycle. Now with the days getting hotter, the vineyard blocks are maturing at optimal ripeness creating a wave that will make us very busy during the first three weeks of October. For now, I have been tracking the development of the grapes and every single block is showing the elements of a high quality and healthy vintage. It is always pleasing to know that the fruit will speak for itself.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to work with the team at Foley Sonoma in this new role, and continue to make memorable wines.

Cheers Friends and Family,

Rosalio "Chalo" Fernandez, Winemaker

Your wine selection will vary based on your club membership.

2016 BLANC DE NOIR SPARKLING WINE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Our Winemaker Series Sparkling Wine hails from Trenton Road Vineyard, a premier hillside Pinot Noir vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The watercolor on this label captures this vineyard at its most pristine hour: sunset. This sparkling wine shows vibrant aromas of fresh strawberry, raspberry, and red cherry on the nose. It offers a beautifully bright acidity of strawberry, raspberry, and honeysuckle flavors with a lively mouth-feel that enchants the palate. Crisp on entry, the lively bubbles offer a persistent finish.

WINE STATS

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging: Stainless steel

Alcohol: 12.2%

TA: 9.18 g/L

pH: 3.16

Production: 295 cases

2017 SAUVIGNON BLANC ALEXANDER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Sauvignon Blanc displays fragrant tropical fruit aromas of guava, pineapple, lime and citrus zest. The aromas carry through to the palate with flavors of rich fruit followed by a crisp acidity that continues to define our bright and refreshing style of Sauvignon Blanc. This is a great wine to enjoy with your favorite seafood dish or as an aperitif.

WINE STATS

Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Aging: 11 months in neutral French oak

Alcohol: 14.4%

TA: 6.2 g/L

pH: 3.38

Production: 174 cases

2016 MERLOT ALEXANDER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

This 2016 Alexander Valley Merlot opens with dusty plum, tobacco and herbal aromas, with ripe berry tones peeking through. This fragrance carries through to the palate where bright fruit, trending more toward just-ripe boysenberry, accompanies the same beautifully dusty and tobacco notes found on the nose. These flavors taper off with a touch of mocha on the long finish.

WINE STATS

Composition: 77% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec
TA: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.76
Aging: 15 months in French oak, 15% new
Production: 266 cases
Alcohol: 14.8%

2015 ESTATE PETIT VERDOT ALEXANDER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 Estate Petit Verdot comes from two blocks on our estate vineyards. With plenty of exposure throughout the day, this hearty varietal showcases dark plum, cassis and ripe blackberry tones. All of the rich fruit is complemented by dark chocolate and toffee. The structure of the wine is rounded out with finely integrated French oak tannins. Drinking well now, try this wine decanted to see how quickly the fruit profile grows.

WINE STATS

Composition: 75% Petit Verdot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Tannat, 2% Zinfandel
TA: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.67
Aging: 15 months in French oak, 15% new
Production: 99cases
Alcohol: 15.1%

2014 OZ ZINFANDEL ALEXANDER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Originally planted in 1896, the Oz Vineyard is one of the oldest vineyards in Alexander Valley and we are pleased to be able to craft such a stunning wine from our friendly neighbors! At first sip of this 2014 Oz Zinfandel, the nose greets you with mocha, dark cherry and juicy plum. The wine coats your palate with its beautiful dark fruit and toffee notes followed by its smooth and gripping tannins. For a decadent treat, pair this wine with a dark chocolate truffle. Drink now or hold until 2020.

WINE STATS

Composition: 90% Zinfandel, 10% Petit Verdot

Aging: 26 months in French oak, 40% new

Alcohol: 15.1%

TA: 5.8 g/L

pH: 3.74

Production: 369 cases

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon brings forth aromas of blackberry, black cherry and marionberry on the nose. The Clone 337 Cabernet Sauvignon lends some of its more brooding qualities on the palate with tobacco and chocolate balancing out the ripe berry notes. Thanks to the youthful tannins on the finish, this wine will continue to age gracefully for 7 years.

WINE STATS

Composition: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Tannat

Aging: 25 months in French oak, 40% new

Alcohol: 14.8%

TA: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.66

Production: 320 cases

CLUB SHIPMENTS

Bordeaux Selections

2015 Foley Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon
2015 Foley Sonoma Estate Petit Verdot
2016 Foley Sonoma Merlot

Medley Selections

2017 Foley Sonoma Sauvignon Blanc
2016 Foley Sonoma Merlot
2015 Foley Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon
2016 Foley Sonoma Blanc de Noir

Medley Red Selections

2016 Foley Sonoma Merlot
2015 Foley Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon
2014 Foley Sonoma Oz Zinfandel
2015 Foley Sonoma Estate Petit Verdot

Zinfandel Selections

2014 Foley Sonoma Oz Zinfandel

REORDER INFORMATION

Enjoy 30% savings on reorders of current club wines. Order 12 or more bottles of any of the current club wines and receive 1¢ ground shipping (not valid to HI or AK). To order, please visit www.foleysonoma.com, or contact us at 800.433.1944, ext. 2 or wineclub@foleysonoma.com. Offer expires November 26, 2018.

2016 Foley Sonoma Blanc de Noir Sparkling Wine
Retail \$42.00 | Wine Club \$33.60 | Re-order \$29.40

2015 Foley Sonoma Estate Petit Verdot
Retail \$38.00 | Wine Club \$30.40 | Re-order \$26.60

2017 Foley Sonoma Sauvignon Blanc
Retail \$22.00 | Wine Club \$17.60 | Re-order \$15.40

2014 Foley Sonoma Oz Zinfandel
Retail \$40.00 | Wine Club \$32.00 | Re-order \$28.00

2016 Foley Sonoma Merlot
Retail \$38.00 | Wine Club \$30.40 | Re-order \$26.60

2015 Foley Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon
Retail \$40.00 | Wine Club \$32.00 | Re-order \$28.00