

CLUB 70 4th Quarter 2017 - December

Robert Foley 2013 Claret Retail - \$ 129.00

Robert Foley has had 99 point wines, won "Winemaker of the Year" Awards and has been making amazing wines for decades in Napa Valley. We have never been able to get enough of the Claret in any given year to even think about putting it in our Club Shipment, but some good luck and some begging got it in! Here is what Parker has to say about it. . . .

690 cases made, blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot from Mt. Veeder, Howell Mountain and Calistoga AVA's.

Aged 18 months in French Oak.

This wine displays compelling créme de cassis, notes intermixed with cedar wood, baking spices, blackberry and hints of mulberries and flowers. The wine has great intensity, a full-bodied, super-duper mouthfeel and a very long finish. Drink it over the next 20+ years. 96 Points

Shafer 2015 TD-9 Retail - \$ 69.00

56% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon and 16% Malbec.

This wine is sold out . . . no more to be had. When Doug Shafer sent me a sample of their new Proprietary Red Blend to sample, I couldn't wait to taste it. They wanted honest feedback and I gave it to them by asking one question . . . How much can I buy? TD-9 was the first tractor that John Shafer drove when he came to Napa, who knew that that old International Tractor would become part of Napa History?!

"Vibrant, complex aromas of ripe red and black fruit, lavender, and herbs fill the glass followed by pure, energetic flavors of dried cherry, blackberry, strawberry, licorice, and cocoa all pulled together with wet slate minerality, clean acidity, and the ripe, seamless tannins that are the hallmarks of this vintage." --Elias Fernandes, Winemaker

Best