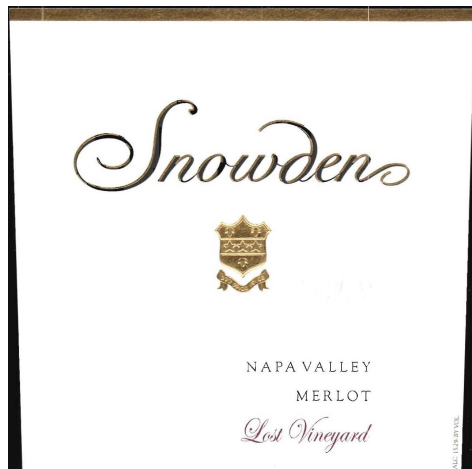


# Snowden

## MERLOT LOST VINEYARD - 2018

*Snowden*  
VINEYARDS  
NAPA VALLEY

REGION: CALIFORNIA - NAPA VALLEY



### SNOWDEN

Since 1955, the Snowdens have farmed their vineyard high above the Napa Valley. In addition to the stunning views of St. Helena, Rutherford and the San Francisco Bay, the estate offers four separate sites producing remarkably complex and individualistic wines. Winemaking duties are in the capable hands of Diana Snowden Seysses. The winery produces Bordeaux blends from their estate vineyards and a small amount of Sauvignon Blanc from a small parcel they call the Lost Vineyard.

### GRAPES / SOILS

Merlot	Planted 1962, 1981, 2009	Perlite (volcanic), sand	2 acres
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### THE WINE

#### Vineyard Profile

- 2 acre Lost Vineyard block
- Soils: Perlite and sand

#### Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested on 9/20/2018
- Fermented with only native wild yeasts
- Malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels, 50% new, 50% used
- Aged 14 months in barrel
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered on 12/3/2019

#### Winemaker's Notes

The 2018 Merlot is bright and bouncy, with crunchy red fruit, a juicy mouth-watering texture, and faint, supple tannins. The wine is made to be enjoyed simply and with friends – its joyous energy is contagious. Pair the wine with grilled meat and vegetables seasoned with fresh herbs, salt, and olive oil.

#### Technical Information

- 95%% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon grapes
- Alcohol: 14.0%

### REVIEWS

#### Merlot Lost Vineyard – 2018

##### 90-92 Points - Vinous - Antonio Galloni, January, 2020

The 2018 Merlot Lost Vineyard is deep, rich and flavorful, with super-expressive savory, earthy, cedary notes from the 5% Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend. The 2018 is wonderfully deep and resonant, yet very much in the Snowden style. This is a very nice wine.

## GENERAL INFO

Country	USA
Region	Napa Valley
Appellation(s)	Napa Valley
Proprietors	Scott and Joann Snowden and Randy and Janet Snowden, managing directors of Snowden Vineyards
Founded	1955
Winemaker	Diana Snowden-Seysse
Annual Production	2,900 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable (including no chemical herbicides used in vineyards)