Grapes for the Folie à Deux 2011 Alexander Valley, Sonoma Merlot are hand-picked from a selection of prime vineyards in the cooler parts of Alexander Valley. Nestled in northern Sonoma County, Alexander Valley AVA stretches 22 miles from Healdsburg to Cloverdale, following the meandering course of the Russian River. Along its heavily gravely benchlands and foothills lie some of California’s supreme Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards, which benefit from the region’s warm daytime temperatures, marine-cooled evenings and well-drained, volcanic hillside soils.

Aged nine months in a combination of French and American Oak Barrels, this wine is bright and varietally expressive.

The Folie à Deux 2011 Alexander Valley, Sonoma Merlot has spicy, floral berry fruit characteristics with a touch of toasty vanilla from the oak and has a firm layer of soft tannins. The flavors are concentrated and focused boasting a long and complex finish. Folie à Deux 2011 Alexander Valley, Sonoma Merlot is inviting with balanced acidity, making it a perfect complement to most meat dishes, pairing particularly well with seared steak or a lasagna Bolognese.

At Folie à Deux, we think it’s ok to be a little crazy about wine. After all, our name means “a passion shared by two.” Our flagship wines are crafted with a single-minded focus from some of Sonoma County’s finest appellations.