

## **COHO Merlot "Michael Black Vineyard"** Coombsville, Napa Valley 2016

Retail Price: \$55

**Value Rating: 2.6**

Wine Factor: 1.5

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Cases Produced: 390

### Scores & Value Ratings Explained

DDWA Score: 94

**Good Value**

Sweet, rich aromas of black cherry liqueur, black licorice, cinnamon sticks and roast coffee. In the mouth the 2016 Coho Merlot Michael Black moves to the dark red fruit spectrum with pomegranates, deep raspberry and very ripe plums on the fruit side & five-spice, cola, cinnamon toast and mocha on the non-fruit side. Pleasing core of acidity and super-fine tannins. This is a real winner from Coho that you should pluck up before it's too late.

**Coho owner Gary Lipp** is approaching 20 years of owner and operating Coho Winery. Since his Day One he's insisted Coho prioritize grace & complexity and avoid over-extraction. The vineyard, winemaking (by **Philip Titus**) and 2016 vintage make for a "bigger" Merlot by Coho standards, and I like it...a lot! 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, 3 day cold soak followed by 5 day fermentation then 7 day post-ferment maceration. 21 months in 100% French oak, 45% new.