Wonderful World of Wine

March 2026
The WineSellar Club

2018 Kelley & Young Malbec, Robert Young Vineyards

Growing Region..... Alexander Valley, California
Varietal Composition..... 100% Malbec
Fermentation..... 20 Months in French Oak, Native Yeast
Alcohol Content..... 15.5%
Suggested Retail..... ~~$45.00~~
WineSellar Club Price..... $22.49

Broad Strokes: **91 Points Gold Medal, North Coast Wine Competition**

From the Winery:

Started in 2006 by husband-and-wife team Jim Young and Kathleen Kelley Young, Kelley & Young Wines is a boutique winery located in the Alexander Valley region of Northern California's Sonoma County wine country. Kelley & Young's mission has always been to share Jim and Kathleen's passion for good food and exceptional wine—but, in January 2021, Kathleen passed away at the age of 63 after a 4-plus-year battle with cancer.

To honor their mother, Kathleen's daughters, Madeline and Courtney, are continuing her legacy by helping Jim bring Kelley & Young wines to the world while helping raise money for cancer research through a partnership with the American Cancer Society.

Appearance:

A tall and thin bottle with a long neck and is a bit of a challenge to store in typical wine bins that are two bottles deep. Past that, it is striking and beautiful looking. I feel they should put more visual emphasis on "Robert Young Vineyard" on the label, one of the more famous vineyards in California for more than five decades. The wine is jet black with deep crimson red edges.

Nose:

Dense and inky jet-black fruits with currants, creme de cassis, wild blueberries and cappuccino/espresso. Persistent spicy vanilla oak with cigar box, freshly strapped leather, black pepper.

Texture:

Bottle aging has served this beauty well. The solid, dense fruits are framed by melting tannins, complex fruit all exquisitely balanced. And we have the honor of to enjoy a lip-smacking, lovely, long, lingering finish

Flavor:

The juicy flavors from the inky dark fruits of blackberry, currants and blueberry really excite the palate. Also fabulous are the back notes of strapped leather, cappuccino, tobacco and sweet vanilla oak. You may also detect ripe black plums and some serious boysenberry notes.

Serving Suggestions:

This is some serious value, at ½ retail price from the winery. And drinking so perfectly!!!