

THE VOICE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, HOWELL MOUNTAIN 2016

(BATCH #8)

Our on-going quest to produce the best wines from Napa Valley at a consumer-friendly price point has inspired us to raise the bar a little higher and showcase in our newest release Batch #8; one of the most unique and prestigious Sub-AVA in the world, Howell Mountain.

HOWELL MOUNTAIN

Nested at an average elevation of 2000 feet, so discreet with curvy roads yet only 10 miles from the epicenter and bustle of the valley, Napa's first Sub-AVA is known for some of the biggest Cabernet Sauvignon in the world. Above the clouds with less than 30 producers and less than 1000 acres of planted vines, Howell Mountain vineyards is home to some of the most iconic and prestigious Napa Valley producers: Duckhorn, Cakebread, Cade and O'Shaughnessy to name a few.

2016 VINTAGE

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout the summer leading to a perfect ripeness during harvest. Wines from the 2016 vintage are now quietly developing in cellars throughout Napa Valley and vintners are pinching themselves and smiling for the gift it appears Mother Nature has given them: a fifth consecutive vintage of stellar quality Napa Valley wines.

VINEYARD

Blessed with a unique micro-climate, our single vineyard enjoys east, north and west sun exposure. When the fog blankets Napa Valley, it's sunny on Howell Mountain but it's also colder during the day. An average rainfall twice as much as the rest of the valley and a unique volcanic ash/red clay soil mix excellent for high drainage. This little difference makes Cabernet Sauvignon vines struggle to produce small clusters of tiny grapes. The smaller grapes have a higher skin-to-juice ratio resulting in deeper-colored wine with higher tannin. Howell Mountain Cabernets are some of the most concentrated wines in the world.

TASTING NOTES

This 100% unfiltered Single Vineyard Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is a towering majestic wine. Dark berries, cherry liqueur, smoke, licorice, plums, tobacco leaf and crème de cassis, open up in this alluring Cabernet Sauvignon that melds together ripeness and structure. On the palate, rich and powerful, yet massively tannic with a long silky finish; this wine is a tremendous example of Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. Best of all, it won't need decades in the cellar to start drinking well.

"Tasting Howell Mountain Cabernet for the first time is like filling your cheeks with dried blackberries while smoking a cigar."

