



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

**VARIETALS:**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% by vol.

**PH:** 3.73

**TA:** 5.9 g/L

**AGING:** 20 months in 55% new French oak

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## DISTRICT COLLECTION

HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2016

#### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from a single vineyard at 1751 ft. in elevation in the highly coveted area of Cold Springs Road. The Forward Silt Loam soil has excellent drainage and the grapes were harvested from a shadier side of the vineyard to avoid over exposure to the sun.

#### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage across California was a near-perfect growing season. A mild winter and spring led to a steady mild July and August, followed by warm days at the end of the season for the perfect ripeness. With warm days and cool nights in the summer, grape growers were able to maintain ideal acid levels with balanced, concentrated fruit flavors.

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

A mix of clones 4 and 337, the grapes were harvested on October 13th and fermented on the skins for 47 days with pump overs twice daily. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 20 months in 55% new French oak barrels. Tightly grained French oak barrels slowly impart their oak to wines for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### WINE PROFILE

Our 2016 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is a lovely deep garnet-purple color in the glass and opens with aromas of black currants, pine, and stewed plum. Medium to full bodied with balanced acidity and complex flavors of black-berry compote, truffle and subtle apple wood notes.

