



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

DISTRICT COLLECTION

HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2019

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes were harvested from a single vineyard on volcanic soils in the Howell Mountain appellation in an open meadow area to maximize the sunlight as this AVA has shading issues due to trees.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2019 began with heavy rain in February. Additional rain during spring flowering was followed by cool temperatures allowing grapes to mature gradually. Grapes ripened at low sugar levels due to an extended mild growing season with harvest starting one to two weeks later than normal. Grapes displayed full flavors, fresh acidity and superb balance.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand harvested on October 26 and fermented on the skins for 48 days with pump overs twice daily. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 36% new Taransaud and Saury 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

This 2019 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon opens with rich aromas of dark ripe cherry, baked plum and blackberry. Hints of tobacco, dark cocoa and earth mingle with concentrated fruit flavors on the textured palate. Complex tannins lead to an elegant, long and memorable finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 15% by vol.

PH: 3.96

TA: 5.7 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 36% new French oak

BOTTLING: July 9, 2021 unfined, unfiltered

VEGAN FRIENDLY

