



## 2006 Howell Mountain & Mount Veeder Fall Cabernet Sauvignon Offering

This is the first complete vintage crafted under the guidance of Consulting Winemaker Keith Emerson of Vineyard 29 and Emerson Brown. After three years of hard work fine-tuning our farming and wine-making practices, **Keith's deft touch is evident** in all aspects of these wines. **The 2006 vintage was an excellent one for our mountain Cabernets** as we benefitted from more moderate, uniform temperatures at higher elevations than was experienced on the Valley floor. Both wines were bottled **unfiltered and unfined** after 20 months in tight-grained French oak barrels.



### Howell Mountain

**Blend:** 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc • **Total Production:** 1240 cases

Our **Estate Vineyard and Winery** are located at **the highest elevation** on Howell Mountain, along a ridgeline overlooking the Valley at nearly 2300 feet. The **red and brown volcanic soils** are thin, rocky and well-drained, causing the vines to struggle for water and nutrients and creating **small berries that are intensely flavored** and giving us **average yields of only 1.5 tons per acre**.



### Mount Veeder

**Blend:** 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot  
**Total Production:** 1700 cases

This **single-vineyard source** that Robert Craig helped to plant in 1990 is **located at 1800 feet along the mountain's summit**. The steep contours of the **26-acre site** offer the quintessential Mt. Veeder terrain with multiple hillside exposures and changes in elevation. The **well-drained blue shale and sandstone soils** provide an ideal foundation for growing small, concentrated berries.

**Wine Spectator**

### Tasting Highlights: 2006 Napa Cabernet

**Cabernet Sauvignons from Napa Valley that offer uniformly high quality**

“This flight of mountain- and hillside-grown Cabernets impressed me for its uniformly high level of quality. Make no mistake—these are firm, tight, structured young wines, with no baby fat showing. But they're also very complex and balanced, offering ripe flavors (and they're devoid of the overly dry and tannic character that too many 2006s have shown). . . **Robert Craig's Cabernets from Howell Mountain and Mount Veeder were impressive for their balance and nuance.**”

*James Laube 7.27.09*