



2000 Robert Craig Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Notes	Located high above Napa Valley in the rugged mountain range east of St. Helena, the Howell Mountain appellation produces Cabernet Sauvignons of great depth and clarity. Our 2000 Howell Mountain Cabernet showcases the pure, dark fruit flavors, warm spice nuances, broad ripe tannins, and exceptionally fine structure that make Howell Mountain a world-renowned source of powerful Cabernet Sauvignons.
Tasting Notes	<p><i>Aroma:</i> Signature black fruit, cracked white pepper, cassis and tobacco are in the forefront, with subtle hints of smoky oak.</p> <p><i>Flavors:</i> An intricate matrix of rich currant, blackberry, dusty mountain earth and pepper, further enlivened by herb nuances.</p> <p><i>Finish:</i> Flavors build and expand with more black fruit, mocha, and vanilla that linger on the palate. <i>General:</i> This concentrated yet graceful Howell Mountain Cabernet offers luscious aromas and complex, enticing flavors. The texture is silky and refined, allowing the more subtle, underlying flavors of Howell Mountain terroir to be very present throughout.</p>
Wine Information	<p><i>Harvest date:</i> October 10-12</p> <p><i>Average sugar:</i> 24.8 ° Brix</p> <p><i>TA:</i> .61</p> <p><i>pH:</i> 3.64</p> <p><i>Alcohol:</i> 13.7%</p> <p><i>Barrel Aging:</i> 17 months in Chateau-style barrels, using 55% new oak (90% French, 10% American) and 45% 1-2 year oak.</p> <p><i>Blend:</i> 100% Cabernet Sauvignon</p> <p><i>Bottling Date:</i> May 2002</p> <p><i>Total Production</i> 900 cases</p> <p><i>Price:</i> California suggested retail price is \$40.00 per bottle.</p> <p><i>Release date:</i> October 2003</p>