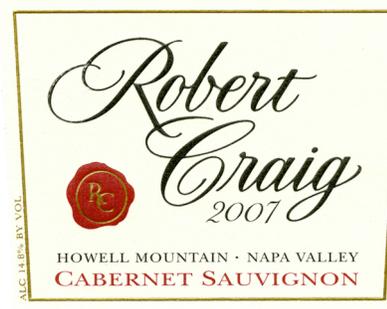


2007  
Howell Mountain  
Napa Valley  
Cabernet Sauvignon

Blend: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot,  
2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Total Production: 1488 cases



**WINEMAKER NOTES** Take a hike through the backcountry of Howell Mountain and you'll catch a whiff of the elements that distinguish Cabernet Sauvignons from this fabled appellation in northeastern Napa Valley. Mountain berry, wildflower, warm spice, and pepper flow through this signature Howell Mountain Cabernet. Unfiltered and unfinned, the 2007 vintage is a seamless wine, with all of the elements in the right place to create exceptional balance and complexity.

**VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS** Howell Mountain's rugged terrain produces among Napa Valley's most acclaimed and sought-after Cabernets. Our estate vineyard and winery are located at the highest elevation, 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. Daytime temperatures are moderate and nights are warmer, translating into an extended growing season that allows the berries to ripen slowly.

**TASTING NOTES** *Aroma:* Leaps out of the glass with vibrant red currant, wild raspberry and black cherry, further enlivened by notes of cracked pepper, lavender, savory spices, warm red rock and Howell Mountain bramble. *Flavors:* A rich, ripe entry brings forth intense blackberry and raspberry, underlain with signature Howell Mountain pepper and spice, espresso bean and vanilla cream. *Finish:* The pure, dark fruit flows seamlessly from mid-palate to a full-throttle finish. *General:* This massive wine is built for the long haul, with complex, layered flavors riding on a bed of fine-grained tannins. Decanting is recommended.

**WINE INFORMATION** *Harvest dates:* September 30 – October 10  
*Average sugar:* 26.6° Brix; *TA:* .60; *pH:* 3.93  
*Alcohol:* 14.8%  
*Barrel Aging:* 18 months in Chateau-style French oak, 70% new and 30% second year. Unfiltered and unfinned.  
*Bottling Date:* April 2009  
*Price:* California suggested retail price is \$80 per bottle.  
*Release Date:* October 2010