



2010 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Blend: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot

Only 950 cases produced

WINEMAKER NOTES

Howell Mountain Appellation boundaries begin at 1400', the elevation at which fog from San Francisco Bay drifts up through the Napa Valley, and extend to over 2300'. The terroir along the mountain's summit boasts a moderate climate, superb volcanic soils and intensely flavored winegrapes. Our estate Cabernet Sauvignon is grown at nearly 2300' of elevation. The 2010 vintage possesses great depth and harmony for so young a wine.

VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS

The rocky, red soils of Howell Mountain present a challenge to any winegrower as the vines struggle to produce each year. Over the last 11 years, our 9.5 acre Winery Estate Vineyard has yielded an average of only 1.8 tons per acre. The shy-bearing vines and slow-ripening clusters lead to Cabernets of great power, depth and complexity without the overripe qualities found often in new world wines. Our goal is to let the vineyard expression shine through in the

TASTING NOTES

Lovely **aromas** of dark red fruit, mountain lavender and white pepper are layered with Howell Mountain's dusty volcanic perfume.

Favors of succulent, wild mountain berries and raspberry preserves are enlivened by pretty notes of wildflowers, signature Howell Mountain pepper and sweet spice.

The **finish** offers up more deep berry, black cherry and dusty red stone flavors pour through with great weight in the mid-palate, building to a deliciously long finish. Exceptional structure defines this Cabernet; exhibiting lively and expressive flavors, complimented by round, full tannins. Decanting is recommended.

WINE INFORMATION

Harvest dates: Oct. 1-25

Average sugar: 26.1° Brix

TA: 6.3 g/L | pH: 3.84

Alcohol: 14.8%

Barrel Aging: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak; 80% new & 20% 2nd year. Unfiltered and unfined.

Bottling Date: April 2012

Price: California suggested retail price is \$80.00 per bottle

