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*Howell Mountain
Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2019

We produce wines from specific American Viticultural Areas (AVA) to celebrate the unique terroir of the Napa Valley. This AVA is on the northeast side of Napa in the Vaca Mountain range. The boundaries of the AVA are dictated by vineyard land located at elevations of at least 1,400 ft. Two main soil types consist of decomposed volcanic ash and red clay that is high in iron. Both soil types are nutrient poor, they stress the vines and produce small clusters and berries. The altitude and thin, rocky soil create wines with firm structure and complexity.

Winemaker's Notes



The nose is laden with blackberry jam and macerated raspberries. Opening up to more savory elements of sage, tobacco, forest floor, and sweet licorice. The palate is rich and expansive with plum preserve, black cherries, blackberry compote, and crème de cassis. Powerful and chalky tannins remind you of this wine's mountain origin.



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Vintage Notes

The 2019 growing season was a lot like a long distance race. The beginning had it's share of intrigue, the middle was steady and predictable, and the end was action packed. The early part of the year was mild, with almost no frost to speak of but there was a decent amount of rain, saturating the soils and laying the groundwork for long growing season. The spring and summer were relatively calm and steady with no major events to speak of. As fall drew near, it became clear that the wet winter and mild summer were pushing the ripening schedule back. Even though harvest took us all of the way through October, the extra time on the vine imparted amazing structure and flavor development. The alternating pattern of warm and cool days throughout harvest allowed the fruit to maintain ideal levels of acidity. Look for fresh vibrant flavors and luscious, silky textures in the wines of the 2019 vintage.



Pairing Insights

Chef Derrick is saving this Cabernet for a special treat around the holidays. A large prime rib paired with scalloped potatoes and brussel sprouts with bacon. A hearty meal, made even more complete with a bold Cabernet Sauvignon to help cut through the richness of the dish.

