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2018 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard

Tucked away on a steep hillside of Howell Mountain lies a vineyard with no name. No fancy gates welcome the farmers that carefully tend to these Cabernet Sauvignon vines. And though it has no signs at the entrance, there is nothing hidden in the depth of flavors and unctuous concentration this wine showcases.

Growing Season

2018 delivered a late but incredible harvest. Beautiful weather during bloom allowed for a bounty of exceptional fruit. A cool, foggy summer with no heat events ensured slow even ripening, vibrant acidity and superb flavor development.

Vinification

All fruit is hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity. After a 7-day cold soak, fruit is fermented with native yeast in an open top tank. Post-fermentation, the wine is drawn off and the must placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. The wine completes malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels and puncheons and is aged on the lees for 18 months before bottling.

Tasting Notes

We don't often deal with "absolutes" in winemaking. This is not to say that there are no definitive rules within our winemaking, we just prefer to believe in the natural ebb and flow within the beauty of the winemaking world. So even though we are deeply in love with the Carneros region of Napa and its elegant Pinots and Chardonnays, we sometimes ebb and flow our way to the northern reaches of Napa too. This was the case with our 2018 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. The region is known for its wines of power, those born above the fog in shallow, volcanic soils. But like the other wines in our lineup, we love the silky and earthy nature of this Cabernet Sauvignon, and that is an "absolute" we can all believe in.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Howell Mountain District

Vineyard

Howell Mountain

Aging

18 months

Harvest Dates

October 15, 2018

Bottling Date

May 7, 2020

Maturation

70% new French oak

PH

3.7

TA

5.6 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.9%

Production

250 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$130

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