

N A P A VALLEY

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## 2014 District Collection Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 15.0%

**PH:** 3.85

**TA:** 5.9 g/L

**AGEING:** 19 months in French oak,  
44% new French oak

### In the Vineyard

The grapes for the Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from a single vineyard in the highly coveted area of Cold Springs Road. The volcanic soil has excellent drainage and the grapes were harvested from a shadier side of the vineyard to avoid over exposure to the sun.

### About the Vintage

The 2014 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

### Conversations with the Winemaker

All Clone 4, the grapes were harvested on October 12 and fermented on the skins for 44 days with pump overs twice daily. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 44% new French oak barrels. Tightly grained French oak barrels slowly impart their oak to wines for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

### Wine Profile

Our 2014 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon opens with mulled spice aromas with a nice minerality. A lovely dark color, this wine coats the palate nicely with flavors of currant, elderberry and a touch of white pepper. This is a very structured wine with nice firm tannins that will age gracefully over the years.