



## 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

**WINE PHILOSOPHY:** Highlands Napa Valley believes that quality wine making begins in the vineyard. We focus on small lot production using inspired and uncompromising winemaking techniques that express the finest fruit and terroir of each vintage. Bottling wines of intensity and exceptional character demonstrates our commitment to excellence. We appreciate your partnership in our discriminating enological experience of enjoying beautifully hand crafted wines.

**FOOD PAIRINGS:** This mountain Cabernet Sauvignon with forward red fruit character, balanced structure and soft oak, traditional pairing with meats but can handle bolder flavors such as tikka masala and gorgonzola cheese.

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES:** This vintage's weather, and harvest prior to the fires, as well as our traditional small-batch winemaking techniques, allowed this wine to develop its structure and fruit characteristics that we envisioned. You will taste a wine of finesse, complexity and elegance.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** The growing season began with ample rainfall, a mild spring that favored an extended fruit set. Summer progressed with no significant concerns until the Labor Day heatwave brought a spike in harvests before cooler weather allowed sugar levels to stabilize. The firestorms of 2017 struck on October 8, fortunately when 90 percent of all grapes were already harvested including our delicious Howell Mountain Cabernet.

**TASTING NOTES:** Full and powerful nose and deep ruby/garnet color in this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon drives anticipation. Vibrant aromas of cherry, red berries, vanilla, and gentle oak tantalize the nose and set a chocolate, cream-like expectation on the palate. These aromas are followed with a full and lush sense of sweetness on each sip, carrying a blackberry and earthy, smoky cocoa cream lasting finish. Sophisticated!

**CELLARING:** Drink now and enjoy or lay it down as it develops over time. A wine of this caliber will benefit from moderate decanting. The excellent tannic-acid structure will allow this wine to cellar for up to 10 years.

### TECHNICAL DATA:

<b>Aging</b>	18 months French Oak Barrels
<b>Blend</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Appellation</b>	Howell Mountain AVA
<b>Alc</b>	14.8 %

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