



## 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mt. Reserve, 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 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon features forward red fruit character, balanced structure and soft oak. Traditional pairing is with red meats, but it can also enhance bolder flavors such as tikka masala and gorgonzola cheese.

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

### VINTAGE NOTES:

Seamless season of heavenly hangtime and phenomenal phenolic development  
February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for winemakers to allow their fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

**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. Followed with a full and lush sense of sweetness on each sip carrying blackberry and earthy, smoky notes even more 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>	22 months in French Oak Barrels
<b>Blend</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Appellation</b>	Howell Mountain AVA
<b>Alc</b>	14.8 %

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