

**2017 PESTONI FAMILY BLOCK B
HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

Three Tears Vineyard | Howell Mountain | Napa Valley



Vineyard Notes:

Three Tears Vineyard is planted in volcanic soil across three unique terraces that ascend from 1,000 feet to 2,100 feet on the eastern face of the most northern edge on Howell Mountain. This location benefits from early morning sun that allows the fruit to warm at dawn and fall into shade during the intense heat of the day. The results are wines with concentrated mountain fruit, balanced acidity, and velvety smooth tannins. In no other place are these characteristics more pronounced than in the deep red, rocky volcanic soil of our Block B. The grapes from this narrow bench produce wines with a distinct expression, not only for this extraordinary vineyard, but also for the appellation as a whole.

Vintage Notes:

An exceptionally wet winter, record breaking high temperatures, and wildfires framed this challenging vintage for the Napa Valley. Heavy rainfall in January and February replenished the Valley and led to vigor among the vines during the mild spring. Heat spikes over Labor Day weekend kicked our harvest efforts into high gear and our vineyards were able to develop to perfect ripeness. Our harvest was completed, and we had gone to barrel just prior to the devastating wildfires that plagued the Valley.

Winemaker's Notes:

This big, bold mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is already expressing itself with aromas of chocolate, cedar, earth and blackberry. The entry and mouth are full and unctuous. The finish is lingering with youthful but finessed tannins.

Blend:	3 Barrels 2017 B2 Cabernet Sauvignon 60% 1 Barrel 2017 B1 Cabernet Sauvignon 20% 1 Barrel 2017 B3 Merlot 20%
Barrel Aging:	20 Months 100% New French Oak
Appellation:	Howell Mountain
Production:	124 Cases
Alcohol:	14.6%
SRP:	\$125.00
