

**2017 HOWELL MOUNTAIN
ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

Three Tears Vineyard | Howell Mountain | Napa Valley



Vineyard Notes:

Our Howell Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from our Three Tears Vineyard on the Eastern slope of Howell Mountain. With elevation that ranges from 1,600 to 2,400 feet above sea level, this estate vineyard sits on a 160 acre estate of which thirteen acres are planted in Cabernet Sauvignon and three in Merlot. The rocky volcanic soils and weather conditions are challenging, but worth the extra effort as the vineyards produce wines with outstanding flavor, intensity and aging properties.

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:

Our 2017 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon showcases aromas of ripe blackberries, cedar, cigar, and fresh vanilla bean. The plush velvet entry and mid pallet are entwined with condensed notes of juicy blackberry liquor, mocha, carpaccio and a classic mountain fruit finish. Drink now through the next 12 – 15 years.

Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Barrel Aging:	24 Months 100% New French Oak
Appellation:	Howell Mountain
Production:	326 Cases
Alcohol:	14.7%
