



2019 FAMILY RESERVE

HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Estate Grown - Napa Valley

THE WINE

Rising I,650 feet above the Napa Valley floor on the southwest side of Howell Mountain, the Mondavi family estate vineyard producing the grapes for this wine sits above the fog line during the growing season. The distinctive climate, along with volcanic and iron-rich red soils, produce fruit with great balance and intensity. This wine displays aromas of subtle toffee, flint, savory dark caramel, coffee with cream, toasty oak, smoked paprika, black cherry and black fruit on the nose. It is full-bodied with firm tannins yet offers soft supple layers of espresso, toast, mocha, concentrated berries, and vanilla. The finish ends with well-integrated oak.

Only 600 Cases Produced

THE VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was best characterized as a steady, even growing season, where our vineyard managers had the luxury of letting each estate's crop leisurely mature to perfection. Preceded by a cool, wet spring, the season got off to a late start, running about 10 days behind a typical cycle. Accordingly, verasion started a bit late, followed by pretty even heat and ripening thereafter. For the second year in a row, the harvest began in August but extended well into November. Like 2018, it remained relatively warm and dry until we took in the last of our fruit on November 8th. Winemaker Stacy Clark noted that the average sized harvest yielded grapes with smaller berries and loose clusters which lends good color and concentration. Acidity levels are good, with moderate brix levels, and she is excited about the wines this vintage will produce.

Varietals	96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Howell Mountain, Single Vineyard
Aging Regimen	19 - 20 months in French oak barrels
Bottled	August 2021
Alcohol	15.1%
pH	3.84
TA	0.52g/I00ml

