

Howell Mountain Merlot

From a site situated at 2,200 feet in elevation, our Merlot vineyards on Howell Mountain enjoy the best views of the valley. The vineyard sits on a steep grade, requiring the stressed vines to dig deep into earth. The result is remarkably concentrated fruit with tremendous structure.

Our first vintage, this 2014 Howell Mountain Merlot is a powerful testament to what is possible for one of the great, but often underrated, grapes of the wine world. Cabernet lovers will be floored with the intensity and boldness of this 100% varietal wine. While Merlot is often an afterthought in Napa Valley, this bottle is certainly intentional.

ACCOLADES

95 Points, Decanter



EXPECT NOTES OF

Milk chocolate, espresso, and dried red fruits on the nose

Chocolate covered cherries and cocoa on the palate

APPELLATION

Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

BLEND

100% Merlot

FERMENTATION

Four-week native fermentation in open top

65% new French oak barrels for 29 months

PRODUCTION

162 Cases

PAIRING

Filet mignon, rib eye steak

BOTTLE

\$85

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