

DUCKHORN
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NAPA VALLEY



2012 Howell Mountain Napa Valley Red Wine

Duckhorn Vineyards has sourced grapes from Howell Mountain for more than a quarter century and has crafted a Howell Mountain bottling since 1989. Recognized as one of the Napa Valley's most acclaimed winegrowing regions, grapes from Howell Mountain are famous for producing age-worthy Red Wines with rich, deep color and excellent structure. To encourage further complexity, we bottle-age this mountain-grown wine one year longer than our other wines prior to release.

2012 Harvest Notes

The 2012 growing season offered near-perfect growing conditions. Though budbreak was late due to heavy spring rains, warm weather during bloom allowed the vines to set a large crop. Increased yields were the result of more berries, not larger berries. This translated into even higher quality in the winery, as the skin-to-juice ratio remained ideal. Slightly cooler-than-average post-veraison weather and a lack of any heat events allowed for greatly extended hang time. Harvest was 2-3 weeks later than average, and the grapes arrived at the winery in pristine condition.

Comments from the Winemaker

Capturing the essence of great mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon, this is a complex and beautifully structured wine with aromas of wild berries, red currant, dried herbs and graphite. The aromas carry through to the firm, round palate, where they mingle with layered flavors of vibrant red fruit, slate and hibiscus.

Varietal Content

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

Harvest Information

Appellation: Howell Mountain
Harvest Dates: September 26 – October 10, 2012
Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.8° Brix
2 Vineyards Harvested

Cooperage

100% French oak château-style barrels (60 Gallons)
Barrel Aging: 24 Months
Age of Barrels: 95% new, 5% neutral

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.9%
Titratable Acidity: 0.56 g/100ml
pH: 3.80

Bottled: February 2015
Released: September 2016

