

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

2021 HOWELL MOUNTAIN NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Duckhorn Vineyards has sourced grapes from this distinctive region for more than 30 years 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 Cabernet Sauvignons 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.

VINTAGE NOTES

Despite an unusually dry winter and warm spring, budbreak was delayed due to light rain in March. The overall lack of rainfall led to light clusters and small berries, which resulted in reduced yields and great concentration. Harvest began on August 5th with Semillon, and early heat generated a fast and furious first few weeks of picking. A much-needed mid-September cool-down allowed for sugars to realign with flavor development. Moderate temperatures continued throughout the rest of the season, providing additional hangtime for the grapes. Our last red grapes were harvested before the rains in late October, resulting in beautiful wines that are dense, pure and polished.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Capturing the wild essence of its origin, this Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is bold and layered, showcasing wild boysenberry, blueberry, and black plum with hints of cedar, cocoa powder and all-spice. The palate is dense with firm fine-grained tannins. The thoughtful addition of Merlot and Cabernet Franc balances the wine's overall structure.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
SUB-APPELLATION	Howell Mountain
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged a total of 24 months 18 months in new French oak followed by 6 months in neutral barrels
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.75
ACIDITY	0.59 g/100 ml



THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO