

RED CAP VINEYARDS

2015 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The California drought took its toll on Napa's vines in 2015. Yields in the Valley were down 30 to 70% and Red Cap's grape production in particular was down 50%. Small clusters of tiny grapes were harvested about a week earlier than normal. The quality of the fruit was outstanding and resulted in an intense and concentrated wine.

Our 2015 Howell Mountain Cabernet is dark, opaque and complex. The generous nose boasts aromas of blueberry, dried cherry and blackberry. Notes of cola, allspice, earth and tobacco surround a structured core and wisps of pie dough, violets and anise round out the gorgeous bouquet. In the mouth the wine is big, round and concentrated. The purity of the fruit is forefront. Fine grained tannins and great mountain acidity wrap this wine in a powerful package worthy of decades in the cellar.

Appellation: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrel Regime: 30 months, French oak, 60% new

Alcohol: 15%

Winemaker: Rudy Zuidema

Production: 310 cases