

INK GRADE

2017 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley. Amongst densely forested pines and sequoia stands, it lies in the north-east corner of the Howell Mountain AVA with a predominant view facing East. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slope, this mountainside vineyard grasps to volcanic “tufa” soils. Ink Grade Estate possesses a raw tension that renders fruit of immense intensity and depth. If ever there was a site which imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

REDEFINING THE FUTURE

It is our belief that Howell Mountain has yet to produce its finest wines. That the future of Napa Cabernet Sauvignon is gleaned from the wines and lessons of the past. That freshness and elegance do not come at the expense of structure and complexity. And that descriptors synonymous with Howell Mountain wines such as “massive” and “concentrated” are in fact applicable, but that the context with which we use these words is not. Our Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is massive and concentrated but in no way heavy or hot. Structured and complex while remaining elegant and pure. Profound and possessing tension while remaining fresh and bright. It is with deft focus that we aim to change the narrative surrounding Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. It just so happens that we have chosen the most “massive” of all AVA’s to do so.

100% HOWELL MTN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 06, 2017

BARREL AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK (90% NEW, 10% USED)

BOTTLED ON MARCH 8, 2021

ALCOHOL: 14%

TA: 6.41 G/L

PH: 3.40

600 CASES PRODUCED