

Vinehouse

2018

HOWELL MOUNTAIN
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD NOTES:

Howell Mountain Appellation

Viticulturist: Alan Peirson

Elevation 1732 ft

Volcanic (Aiken) soils

Vineyard Spacing 4 x 5

Cabernet Sauvignon Vines:

Planted in 2013

Bilateral Cordon, Vertical Trellis

VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioning)

Spread Canopy

Saint Macaire Vines:

Planted in 2014

Cane Pruned

Quadrilateral Trellis

PRODUCTION NOTES:

Production: 225 cases

85% Cabernet Sauvignon

15% St. Macaire

70% New French Oak

Barrel aged 21 months

Bottled in July 2020

Alcohol 14.8%

SERVING NOTES

Vinehouse will age for many years in the cellar. In its youth, stand the wine upright for a day in bottle, then decant carefully as early as the night before, or at minimum, 5-8 hours prior to serving. Be sure to cover if decanted overnight. To experience the full evolution of the wine while it is aerating, taste every hour.

TASTING NOTES:

Vinehouse is a blend, principally Cabernet Sauvignon with a bit of Saint Macaire (a lost Bordeaux varietal). Both are estate grown on Howell Mountain. The result of this distinctive marriage; a luscious sexy wine with long legs of intensity and incredible depth of color.

THE NOSE: Crushed blackberries, blueberries, ripe plum and black currants with a hint of sweet spice, earth and tobacco.

ON THE PALATE: With a higher percentage of Saint Macaire than earlier vintages, the palate is more plush with deep fruit; ripe blackberry, black currant and a hint of licorice and spice. The texture is rich, and silky and lingers pleasantly on the palate.

VINOUS REVIEW BY ANTONIO GALLONI

"The Vinehouse Cabernet is distinguished, among other things by the presence of Saint Macaire (an ancient Bordeaux variety) in the blend. The first three vintages I have tasted are all terrific. . .

The 2018 Cabernet Howell Mountain is the most elegant of the three vintages I tasted, if that word can be used for a brooding Howell Mountain Cabernet! The Saint Macaire is bumped up in the 2018, which seems to give the wine greater aromatic presence. Dried flowers, licorice, mint, incense and leather open with a bit of coaxing. The 2018 is painfully young, with little of the charm so many wines of the year have, but it opens nicely over time. I would not be in a rush here." - 93+ points

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