

Vinehouse

2017

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: 150 cases

92% Cabernet Sauvignon

8% St. Macaire

70% New French Oak

Barrel aged 21 months

Bottled in July 2019

Alcohol 14.8%

\$74 per bottle

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 big luscious sexy wine with long legs of intensity on the palate, 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: Greeting the palate are layers of deep fruit; ripe blackberry, black currant with a hint of licorice and spice. The texture is long and elegant,

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 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain is powerful, but also compact. The mid-palate is especially shy. It will be interesting to see if more fruit emerges in time. Black cherry, licorice, lavender, spice, menthol and dried herbs all meld together. The 2017 is a wine of real intrigue, but it needs time. I like the energy and freshness here."

- 93 points

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