

CASTIEL

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TASTING NOTES

Displaying classic Howell Mountain character in its many facets, this wine shows black cherry, bay berry, cinnamon tea, dusty brambles, cedar cone, and dried floral aromas all evolving simultaneously, all intertwining in a way that creates a beautiful, complex impression. On the palate, soft, polished tannins envelope a very solid backbone. An intriguing interplay of savory (anise, earth, dried leaves) and sweet fruit/perfumed notes echo the complexity of the aromas. The finish is broad and polished, with a lingering flavor of fragrant rhubarb and fresh juicy raspberries.

This wine was created entirely from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on the steep, shallow soils of Howell Mountain, on the eastern flanks of Napa Valley. Three separate clones of Cabernet were harvested between September 30 and October 6, 2016 and were kept separate through fermentation and for the first year of maturation in French oak barrels. The wines were carefully blended and returned to barrel for additional maturation prior to bottling in May of 2018. — CELIA WELCH, WINEMAKER

APPELLATION:

Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

*100% Cabernet Sauvignon;
clones 2, 4, 7, and 191*

BARREL AGING:

*18 months in
70% new French oak*

SOIL COMPOSITION:

*Pumiceous ash flow tuff,
andesite rock and organic matter*

TOTAL PRODUCTION:

468 cases

SUSTAINABLY FARMED