

# INK GRADE

## 2019 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings 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 that imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

### A GRAND CRU OF HOWELL MOUNTAIN

This wine is crafted from Ink Grade's highest elevation parcels. Vines are hand-selected, utilizing gentle processing techniques throughout fermentation, employing less new oak and larger aging vessels to maintain and express the purity and pedigree of this vineyard. The resulting wine is profound and possesses tension while remaining fresh and bright. A distinctive artifact of place, Ink Grade Cabernet Sauvignon is truly a grand cru of Howell Mountain.

### 2019 VINTAGE INSIGHTS

“The 2019 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon carries the flinty graphite signature of this special terroir, highlighting the vibrant red fruit character, while showcasing notes of cedar and spices. The luscious texture of this vintage was achieved by utilizing large aging vessels during the élevage process, resulting in a beautifully balanced Cabernet Sauvignon with great aging potential.”

– MASTER SOMMELIER AND MANAGING PARTNER CARLTON MCCOY JR., MAY 2022

AVA: HOWELL MOUNTAIN

VARIETAL: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AGING: 9 MONTHS IN OAK TANK, FOLLOWED BY  
24 MONTHS IN BARREL (90%) AND Foudre (10%)

HARVEST DATES: 9/16/19 – 9/25/19

ALCOHOL: 13%

VINEYARD BLOCKS: THIRD CIRCLE

PRODUCTION: 1,800 CASES