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FAMILY VINEYARDS

2005 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



Every year the challenge with the mountain vineyards is to manage the powerful tannins into a rounder, more approachable 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. This year the crop was low and the intensity that resulted is very evident. Big and tight at a young age, this Cabernet is a good candidate to lie down. Earthy and dark to start, a rich, ripe fruit character comes out with decanting. Cherry, vanilla, toasty oak, leather and cassis flavors accompany the mountain tannins and balanced finish.

100% Howell Mtn. AVA - 100% Estate Grown - 100% Certified Organically Farmed

Harvest Information:

Harvest Date: November 1st, 2005

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging:

26 months in 100% New French Oak

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 13.9%

Bottled: January 31st, 2009

Production: 280 cases

