



## Cabernet Sauvignon

### Howell Mountain Vintage 2005 – *our tenth flight*

“The steep, rugged terrain and thin soils make this a challenging situation for a grower, but the wine makes it all worth it...” comments Winemaker Geoff Gorsuch on our hillside vineyard on Howell Mountain. “The water-stressed vines really deliver when it comes to depth and layers of flavor.”

### Winemaker Notes

Low yields and the increased skin to juice contact from the tiny grapes mean greater concentration of color, flavor and tannin. “This is a deep, dark wine for serious Cabernet drinkers and a great wine for the cellar.”

- **Flavor profile: Full-bodied and rich with black cherry, cocoa, tobacco, cedar, a bit of smoke and spice**
- **2005 Vintage: This classic vintage will be long remembered for bringing us not only remarkable quality but bountiful quantity, too!**
- **Drink now and through: 2020**

### Food Suggestions

The big, rich flavors of this Cabernet partner well with a good steak and slow-cooked dishes like osso-buco, short ribs and other hearty fare. From Colleen’s recipe collection, we recommend **Traditional Style Beef Shanks**.

### Technical Notes

- Total Cases: 450
- Appellation: 100% Napa Valley
- Location: 100% Howell Mountain
- Component: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Alcohol: 13.8%
- French Oak: 100%
- Oak Aging: 18 months
- Harvest Date: September 26, 2005
- Bottling Date: June 28, 2007

