



Cabernet Sauvignon

Howell Mountain Vintage 2006 – *our eleventh flight*

Some of the greatest and most cellar-worthy wines in the world are grown in very poor soils, and our Howell Mountain Cabernet is a classic example. Struggling in the shallow, compressed volcanic ash on our rugged slope, the vines send their roots deep into the earth in search of water and nutrients.

Winemaker Notes

Hillside reds from poor soils are made for those who crave intensity. The challenging growing conditions produce low yields of tiny grapes with tremendous concentration of color, flavor and tannin.

- **Flavor profile:** Full-bodied and rich with black cherry, blackberry, cocoa, vanilla, anise, earth and spice
- **2006 Vintage:** Low crop yields and a long ripening season produced small berries with great flavor intensity, deep color and firm tannins
- **Drink now and through:** 2015

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: 278
- Appellation: 100% Napa Valley
- Location: 100% Howell Mountain
- Component: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Alcohol: 14.4%
- French Oak: 100%
- Oak Aging: 18 months
- Harvest Date: September 15, 2006
- Bottling Date: June 2, 2008

