

Goosecross Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon -- Vintage '96

We are pleased and proud to present this *second flight* of Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Howell Mountain appellation is noted for producing some of Napa's finest Cabernet grapes and this wine will prove to be no exception to that rule. The vineyard produced approximately one (1) ton per acre of dense, concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes were processed in a wood-basket press and fermented and aged in French and American Oak.

Winemaker Notes

Well rounded elegant nose of blackberries, cherries and a whisper of chocolate kisses. Forward cherry flavors, anise, sweet oak, and eucalyptus taper off to intense, even, tannin. The finish is dry and lingers with dark ripe Bing cherry flavors and a hint of nutmeg. You can enjoy this wine now or age it for another few years.

Food Suggestions

Our Winemaker, Geoff Gorsuch, highly suggests pairing this marvelously bold wine with spicy Italian dishes with red sauce, barbecue beef such as flank steak and pork or beef ribs, a variety of grilled smoked sausages, or try it with chocolate dipped strawberries or other fruits dipped in chocolate fondue.

Technical Notes

Release Date:	September 1999
Total Cases:	1312 (Six bottle cases - 750ml bottles)
Appellations:	100% Howell Mountain
Component:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	13%
Total Acidity:	.65
pH:	3.72
French Oak:	80% (Nevers, Alliers & COF)
American Oak:	20%
Oak Aging:	23 Months
Harvest Date(s):	October 10, 1996
Bottled:	April 1999