

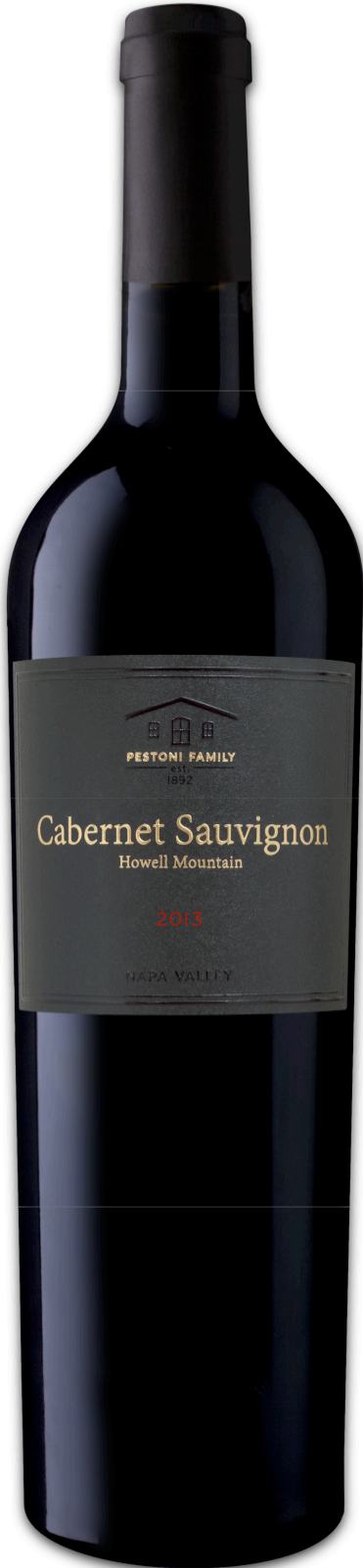


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ESTATE WINERY 1892 NAPA VALLEY, CA

**2013 HOWELL MOUNTAIN  
ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

Three Tears Vineyard | Howell Mountain | Napa Valley



**Vineyard Notes:**

Our Howell Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from our Three Tears Vineyard on the Eastern slope of Howell Mountain. With elevation that ranges from 1,600 to 2,400 feet above sea level, this estate vineyard sits on a 160 acre estate of which thirteen acres are planted in Cabernet Sauvignon and three in Merlot. The rocky volcanic soils and weather conditions are challenging, but worth the extra effort as the vineyards produce wines with outstanding flavor, intensity and aging properties.

**Vintage Notes:**

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break, helped with canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and started ripening. Two brief mid-September rains had virtually no impact on the grapes. The vast majority of the more delicate skinned grapes had already been harvested and sunny weather with breezes followed the rains, allowing for the mostly Cabernet Sauvignon that remained to dry out almost immediately. The cooler, sunny weather throughout October allowed the final grapes still on the vine to linger longer, developing more phenolic and flavor maturities with sugar levels remaining steady.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

A true testament to the complex and opulent wines this mountain is known for producing. An inky purple in the glass, this Cabernet Sauvignon opens with heady aromas of blackberry liqueur, rich leather and warm spices. The palate displays expressive notes of dark fruit, subtle graphite and mocha, while the lush and lavish texture is balanced by penetrating tannins. Drink now through the next 12 – 15 years.

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Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Barrel Aging:	24 Months 60% New French Oak, 15% American Oak
Appellation:	Howell Mountain
Alcohol:	14.8

