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2008 VOGT VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Vogt Vineyard is situated atop Howell Mountain, along the northeast edge of the Napa Valley. The 15-acre vineyard reaches from a high elevation with shallow, rocky soils, down to a lower bowl of deeper loam. The surprisingly warm climate, combined with the vineyard's steep, southeast exposure, produces a dense and structured wine, typical of hillside Cabernet Sauvignon.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2008 growing season provided a variety of weather patterns that presented a few challenges, but ultimately resulted in some exciting wines. The year began with substantial rainfall, but was followed by a dry spell that actually put us behind normal precipitation levels. The longest frost season in decades followed, which lowered vineyard yields, but the remaining crop developed beautiful intensity. Very warm temperatures in mid-May gave way to a cool summer and warm September and the upper blocks ripened quickly. Since this vineyard has a few different blocks, each with a different soil type and exposure, the fruit was harvested over a 10-day period. Each individual block offered its own unique contribution to the resulting wine.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2008 Vogt Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic Howell Mountain Cabernet. Distinctive, dark fruit flavors of blackberry and cassis are complemented by notes of floral and spice. The smaller berries from this vintage offer a rich core of both fruit and tannin, while hints of tar and earth add layers of interest. French oak blends beautifully with the ripe fruit and, combined with the abundantly fine tannins from this vintage, carries those flavors into a long, chewy finish.

APPELLATION

Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(51% new, 49% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2011

HARVEST DATES

October 2 - 14, 2008

SKIN CONTACT

9 - 10 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2000