



## 2015 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Founded in 1991 by Michael Dragutsky, Cornerstone Cellars is the quintessential Napa Valley mountain and benchland producer of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our winemaking team led team by Kari Auringer honors Napa Valley's great heritage by crafting intense, elegant and balanced wines that stand among the very best winegrowing estates in the world. Through intellectual rigor, humility, and with the utmost respect for the land, Cornerstone Cellars aims to make wines that truly speak to its exceptional vineyard sites in the most authentic and genuine way possible.



### 2015 Vintage

The 2015 growing season began with record setting rains in December, followed by the driest January on record. There were no hard freezes during the winter, which contributed to a very early budbreak (late February in some spots). Rain in April shattered the flowers which caused a reduction in crop size, but that's just Mother Nature's way of thinning the crop. With a lighter crop the grapes ripened quickly and evenly, then viola, an ear harvest!

### The Appellation

From an appellation defined primarily by elevation, the Howell Mountain AVA lies between 1,800 and 2,400 feet. The terraced vineyards can face to the east, south or west.

### 2015 Tasting Notes

2015 was an extraordinary vintage that fully expresses classic Cabernet style from this famed, high elevation site. Packed with complex aromas of ripe blackberries, cocoa and some delicate minerality, it just begs for another swirl. As this wine opens up, aromas of plum, ripe black berry, cassis and crushed rock can be found. Complex on the palate, ripe concentrated fruit leads the way, evolving into mocha, cedar, leather and spice, all wrapped in a subtle layer of sweet toasty oak. Bold and extracted, elegant and refined, this seductive wine delivers everything we love about Howell Mountain Cabernet. Enjoy now or lay a few bottles down for a few more years.

### 2015 Winemaking Notes

Vintage:	2015
Appellation:	Howell Mountain
Vineyard:	Ink Grade Vineyard
Varietals:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	14.6%
Cooperage:	70% New French oak Barrels, 30% neutral oak
Production:	100 Cases