



2014 BEATTY RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Located atop Howell Mountain, Beatty Ranch typically gets to enjoy the warmth of the sun when summer fog lines the valley floor. While the fruit ripens easily, we must wait for mature tannins to emerge. The red, rocky soils are ideal for producing moderate-sized vines, and this vineyard is comprised of four different clones that each provide a unique flavor profile to the overall wine.

HARVEST NOTES

Winters can be cooler on Howell Mountain, so budbreak occurred in early April this year, about two weeks behind the valley floor. The weather was beautiful during bloom and the vineyard set a balanced crop. The younger vines extend up over a ridge and have more exposure, so these vines experienced more direct sun. All three clones in this vineyard ripened uniformly, and we harvested the young vines in early October. Fruit on the older vines remained another week to gain more concentrated flavors and proper tannin maturity.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2014 Beatty Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon offers enchanting aromas of plum, cassis, olive and char. Red and black fruit flavors mingle beautifully with green olive, basil and pepper. A vibrant acidity marries with plush, coating tannins that expand through the midpalate to a finely contoured finish. Enticing in its youth, the Howell Mountain structure allows you to cellar this wine for years to come.

APPELLATION

Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(58% new, 42% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2017

HARVEST DATES

October 8 - 14, 2014

SKIN CONTACT

10 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2012