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2021 HOWELL MOUNTAIN 'OLD VINE' ZINFANDEL

95 PTS/Double Gold Medal 2025 American Fine Wine Invitational, FL



Wine Specifications:

Vineyard: Napa Valley,

Howell Mountain

Varietal 100% Zinfandel

Composition:

Cases 160 cases

Produced:

Bottling Date: 7/14/2023

Alcohol: 14.8%

Cooperage: 20 months in French oak

barrels; 35% new

TA: 5.4 g/l

pH: 3.41

Price: \$72

Winemaker Comments:

The 2021 Howell Mountain 'Old Vine' Zinfandel is a powerful yet polished expression of its celebrated mountain terroir. Grown on old vines rooted deep in the rocky, volcanic soils of Howell Mountain, this wine captures the intensity and character that only low-yielding, high-elevation vineyards can produce. Aromas of black fruit leap from the glass, mingling with subtle floral tones and hints of exotic spice. On the palate, layers of black plum, blackberry, and cocoa unfold with remarkable depth and concentration, framed by fine-grained tannins and vibrant acidity that add both tension and elegance. The texture is plush yet refined, leading to a long, seamless finish that lingers with notes of dark fruit, warm spice, and a touch of minerality.

Its bold mountain fruit and structured balance make it a natural companion to hearty, flavorful dishes. Enjoy it with grilled ribeye or lamb chops, braised short ribs, or Italian sausage with roasted peppers. It also pairs beautifully with wood-fired pizza topped with caramelized onions and prosciutto, or rich pastas like pappardelle with wild boar ragu. For a decadent finish, try it with a dark chocolate tart or aged cheeses such as Manchego or smoked cheddar, which complement the wine's depth and spice beautifully.