



## 2018 CADE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON HOWELL MOUNTAIN

**PRODUCTION:** 58 Barrels

**ALCOHOL:** 15.6%

**VARIETALS:** 86% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Malbec  
9% Petit Verdot

**SCORE:** 98 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

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### VINEYARD NOTES

The CADE Estate is situated on a 54 acre property with 21 acres planted to vines. Located in the heart of Howell Mountain, our CADE Reserve vineyards sit at elevations ranging from 1,500 to 1,850 feet and is planted Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. The 2018 vintage also features fruit from our recently acquired 82 acre property on Howell Mountain, 13th Vineyard. Fruit was harvested from October 5th through November 1st and was the largest vintage on record for CADE.

### FERMENTATION

The fruit was hand picked, destemmed/whole berry, hand sorted, and pumped into small stainless steel fermentation tanks. The must was kept at 50°F for a two day cold soak. Fermentation was hot and fast with temperatures reaching a maximum of 92°F and the juice macerating on the skins/seeds for 6-7 days.

### ÉLEVAGE

The wine was aged for 20 months in 100% New French Oak barrels. Only free run wine was used in the blend, no press fractions were selected. Racking occurred immediately after the completion of malolactic fermentation, then on a quarterly basis until bottling.

### COOPERAGE

Darnajou, Sylvain, Orion, Mercurey, Mercier, Cavin, and Tonnellerie O.

### BOTTLING

Wine was bottled on July 27th, 2020

### OUR THOUGHTS

The 2018 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of blackberry, blueberry, black cherry, dark chocolate, coffee, vanilla bean, graham cracker, and black currant. In the palate are flavors of boysenberry, raspberry coulis, chocolate covered espresso beans, brown spices, and red cherry. The tannins are structured and elegant. The density and mouthfeel of this wine really showcase the silky sumptuous full-bodied nature of this wine that is Howell Mountain. The 2018 vintage was bountiful and the resulting wine is full of great fruit, mouthwatering texture, and lots of spice.

