

# BRAVANTE

Napa Valley

## 2012 Estate Reserve

Our goal for the Estate Reserve is to produce an elegant, complex, and balanced Howell Mountain Wine. We blend the best wines made from our different vineyard blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot from our two Howell Mountain Estate Vineyards. From those best blocks our Winemaker individually selects the best barrels for this complex wine, which is blended then given time to meld together with further barrel aging.

The 2012 Estate Reserve has intense aromas to linger over of dark fruit, sage, and cedar, with hints of vanilla and toasty oak. Once on the pallet the rich body and slightly chewy tannins show flavors of berries, plums, cedar, and hints of dried herbs. The tannins slip into a long luscious berry finish.

### Viticulture

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| Appellation:      | 100% Estate Grown Howell Mountain |
| Varietal Content: | 76.9% Cabernet Sauvignon          |
|                   | 15.4% Cabernet Franc              |
|                   | 7.7% Merlot                       |

### Winemaking:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Time in oak:      | 21 months          |
| Bottling:         | September 2014     |
| Alcohol:          | 14.7%              |
| Aging potential:  | 10 to 15 years     |
| Cases produced:   | 150 cases produced |
| Release date:     | September 1, 2017  |
| Vineyard manager: | Peter Murphy       |
| Winemaker:        | Duane D. Dappen    |

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