

BRAVANTE

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Viticulture

100% Estate Grown & Bottled
100% Howell Mountain AVA
Peter Murphy- Viticulturist

Varietal Content

75% Merlot,
14% Cab Franc,
7% Cabernet Sauvignon,
3% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

Winemaking

22 Months in Oak
Bottled September, 2020
One Polish Filtration
Alcohol, 14.8%
Aging Potential, 10 years
Winemaker, Duane Dappen
203 cases produced

2018 Estate Merlot

We have two blocks of Merlot, one at each end of our property, both adding distinction, structure and complexity. Our 2018 Estate Merlot is a blend of the classy and fruity Block 1, which is very “Bordeaux” in style, and our Block 5, which is all “Howell Mountain” - intense, structured, with great varietal concentration. Our plots are rugged, and the small-berried Merlot produce intensely colored and flavored fruit.

The 2018 Merlot has our trademark plum aromas mingled with lush dark red fruits, combined with a structured mouthfeel. The palate offers layers with herbs, cocoa and fine tannins. This is a velvety, boldly-styled Merlot and will age well for many years.

93 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine

“Howell Mountain’s volcanic soils and elevations lend a powerful structure to this merlot, assuaged by the variety’s inherent softness. It’s bold, easy and richly oaked, while juicy red-plum flavors surround that wood, giving the wine the stamina to age. —J.G. (150 cases)