

**2018 PESTONI FAMILY BLOCK B
HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

Three Tears Vineyard | Howell Mountain | Napa Valley



Vineyard Notes:

Three Tears Vineyard is planted in volcanic soil across three unique terraces that ascend from 1,000 feet to 2,100 feet on the eastern face of the most northern edge on Howell Mountain. This location benefits from early morning sun that allows the fruit to warm at dawn and fall into shade during the intense heat of the day. The results are wines with concentrated mountain fruit, balanced acidity, and velvety smooth tannins. In no other place are these characteristics more pronounced than in the deep red, rocky volcanic soil of our Block B. The grapes from this narrow bench produce wines with a distinct expression, not only for this extraordinary vineyard, but also for the appellation as a whole.

Vintage Notes:

2018 saw an abundance of rain in February, followed by filtered light in the spring and early summer months. For this reason, we saw bud break and flowering a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions creating a plentiful and even fruit set. Generous sun and cooler days in the summer were pillars of relatively mild weather leading into moderate temperatures in fall – near ideal conditions for winemakers to allow fruit to accrue flavor complexity and steady increases in sugar levels.

Winemaker's Notes:

This big, bold mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is already expressing itself with aromas of chocolate, cedar, earth and blackberry. The entry and mouth are full and unctuous. The finish is lingering with youthful but finessed tannins.

Blend:	3 Barrels 2017 B2 Cabernet Sauvignon 60% 1 Barrel 2017 B1 Cabernet Sauvignon 20% 1 Barrel 2017 B3 Merlot 20%
Barrel Aging:	20 Months 100% New French Oak
Appellation:	Howell Mountain
Production:	124 Cases
Alcohol:	14.6%
SRP:	\$125.00
