

HOWELL MOUNTAIN

NAPA VALLEY AVA

Howell Mountain is one of Napa Valley's most prestigious and sought-after AVAs, known for producing age-worthy, mountain-grown wines with exceptional structure, depth and longevity.



OVERVIEW

Designated in 1983, Howell Mountain is a smaller, distinct AVA within the Napa Valley, set apart by its elevation, rocky soils and mountainous terrain. Vineyards are planted on steep, rugged slopes that bring dramatic diurnal shifts and ideal conditions for growing Cabernet Sauvignon with concentration and complexity.



LOCATION

Napa Valley, California

Northeast of St. Helena and north of Yountville
Bordered by the Vaca Mountains to the west and the Mayacamas Mountains to the east



ELEVATION

1,400 to 2,600 feet (427 to 792 meters)

Higher elevation than much of Napa Valley, contributing to cooler temperatures and extended hang time.



SOILS

Volcanic in origin with thin, rocky, well-drained soils
Common soils include volcanic ash, fractured rock, clay loam and decomposed tuff. Low fertility soils naturally limit vine vigor and yields, enhancing concentration.

GRAPES PLANTED

PRIMARY GRAPE



Cabernet Sauvignon
(Approximately 90%+
of vineyard plantings)

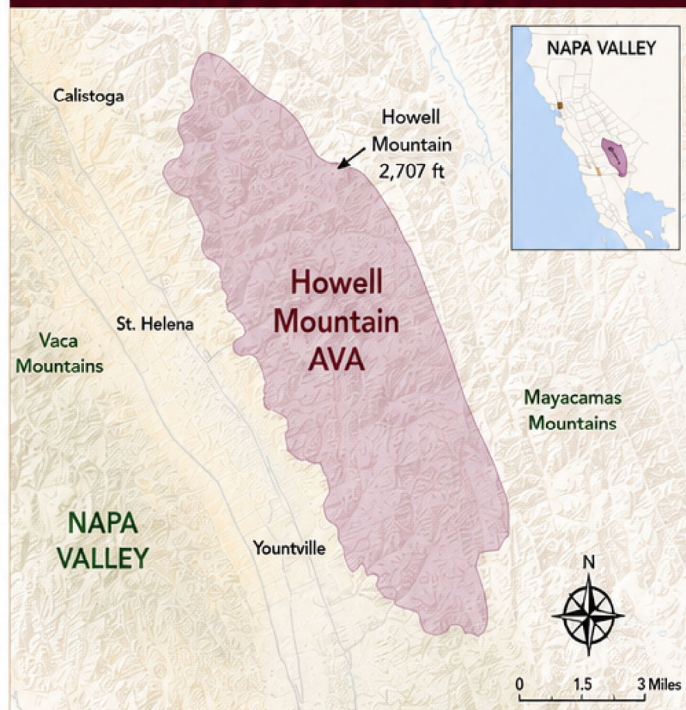
OTHER VARIETALS GROWN

- Merlot
- Cabernet Franc
- Petit Verdot
- Malbec
- Sauvignon Blanc
- Chardonnay
- Other red and white varietals in limited plantings

WINE STYLE & CHARACTERISTICS

Howell Mountain wines are known for their power, structure and age-worthiness. Cabernet Sauvignon from this AVA shows dark fruit flavors, firm tannins, and complexity from mountain-grown conditions. Wines often exhibit notes of black currant, cassis, blackberry, dark cherry, graphite, cedar, tobacco, and earthy or mineral nuances. The combination of elevation, rocky soils and a long growing season results in wines with depth, balance and the ability to age for decades.

HOWELL MOUNTAIN AVA MAP



AVA QUICK FACTS

	AVA Designation	1983
	Total Acres	7,200 acres
	Vineyard Acres	Approximately 1,750 acres
	Percentage Planted to Vine	~24%
	Elevation	1,400 – 2,600 feet
	Average Annual Rainfall	~35 inches
	Closest Towns	St. Helena, Calistoga

WHY HOWELL MOUNTAIN STANDS OUT

- High elevation vineyards produce concentrated fruit with natural acidity.
- Rocky, volcanic soils limit yields and add complexity.
- Cooler mountain climate preserves freshness and extends hang time.
- Proven track record for producing some of Napa Valley's most collectible Cabernet Sauvignon.

