



## Moffett Vineyards 2010 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2010 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Estate grown fruit off our property that sits a 1790 feet elevation within the Howell Mountain Appellation. We purchased the 20-acre property in 2005, cleared 3.2 acres around the house and planted in 2006 two different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, clone 169 and 7. Being still young vines in 2010, we kept the yields to just above 1 ton per acre leaving the vines plenty of strength to evenly ripen the fruit and while still being able to form a strong root base for a healthy long life.

This Cabernet does not lack in color or aroma! The color is dark purple and the aroma is of dark wild berries, spice and oak. On the palate the wine is a little tightly wound, but with a little time in the glass all the big fruit start to really shine. Layers of blackberry, boysenberry dominates your first taste, then complex layers of spice, licorice, and mocha finish off the palate. For a young wine, the fruit, tannins, acidity and oak are very well balanced.

### PERFECT PAIRINGS

I had this the other night with a slowly smoked brisket and it was a heavenly pairing. My wife had it that night with a Portabella Mushroom cooked on the grill with balsamic vinegar, another great pairing.

### WINE PROFILE

Blend:  
*100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Barrels:  
*All French Oak,  
75% New*

Production:  
*160 Cases*

Vineyards:  
*100% Howell Mountain  
100% Estate*

Release Date:  
*August 15th, 2013*

### TECHNICAL STATS

Wine ph:  
*3.6*

Alcohol:  
*14.5%*