
TATE

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON JACK'S VINEYARD, HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Howell Mountain is the most concentrated we have produced. The color is opaque dark purple, even the rim. Cassis concentrate and black raspberry fruit jump from the glass. A cocoa nib, coffee, eucalyptus mix starts to emerge and gets stronger as one swirls the glass. The mid palate is very rich and lush, with more black fruit being met by the new oak flavors of vanilla and cigar box. The tannins are some of the firmest from this vineyard so far, and although big and chalky they are met by beautifully balancing mountain acidity. This wonderful micro production wine will reward anyone with the patience to allow the tannins to mellow and bottle bouquet to develop over the next 15-16 years (2036-2037).

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	David and Suzanne Tate
WINEMAKER	David Tate
VARIETAL	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION	Howell Mountain
PRODUCTION	100 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.5%
AGING	22 months in French Oak Barrels, 75% new and 25% two year old barrel



BACKGROUND

David Tate, a native of British Columbia, Canada, is the Winemaker and Founder of TATE along with his wife Suzanne Tate. Established in 2011, TATE is known for single expression wines from independently owned, micro-vineyards across the valley floor and mountain sides of the Napa Valley.

David is also the General Manager and Winemaker for Barnett Vineyards atop Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley since 2007. Prior to his work with TATE and Barnett, David was the assistant winemaker at Ridge Vineyards for five years at Montebello in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Suzanne Tate's roots are in Texas but will quickly tell you that Northern California and the Napa Valley are now 'home'. After five years of distribution in Texas, Suzanne had a chance meeting with David at a wine dinner and well, as they say the rest is history. Suzanne moved to the Napa Valley in 2010 and very quickly, the idea of TATE came to life.

From our small start of 400 cases, TATE is now producing just over 1,000 cases annually of Chardonnay from Yountville, Merlot from Calistoga and single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon's from St. Helena, Mt. Veeder and Howell Mountain.