

Ink Grade Vineyard is a certified organic site that stands atop the Vaca Range on the eastern side of Howell Mountain. The high elevation causes daytime temperatures to be cooler and evening temperatures to be slightly warmer than the Napa Valley floor. Planted in 1990, Ink Grade stretches across 200 acres of terraced mountainous terrain. The site, planted to a quad trellis, ekes out between 2 and 2.5 tons of grapes per acre. The iron rich red clay and decomposed volcanic ash soil lacks nutrients and has difficulty retaining water. This combination stresses the vines to produce small berries with deeply structured spicy notes and robust tannins.

This is one of the more technologically advanced vineyards, using "stress modules" to determine ripening. This enables us to conduct multiple picks for optimal ripeness. Our single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is produced in the Bordeaux style with 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is unforgettable!



Ink Grade Vineyard in Napa Valley, California.
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Napa Valley AVA / Howell Mountain AVA vineyards are planted between 1,400 feet (430 m) and 2,200 feet (670 m) above sea level, well above the elevations in Napa Valley that are most affected by the cool fog and winds from San Pablo Bay. The mountain receives cool breezes directly from the Pacific Ocean. This air flow keeps humidity low and helps prevent mildew in the vineyard. The relatively high elevations result in a cooler climate than on the valley floor.