

**PLUS!***Diamond Series Selection***Ladera Vineyards***2006 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon*Napa Valley

The Ladera story is a tale of two vineyards, located almost at opposite ends of the Napa Valley that produce distinctive *terroir*-driven fruit, characteristic of their dramatic hillside and mountain ridge properties. From the Lone Canyon Vineyard on the flank of Mt. Veeder, to the Howell Mountain site high above the Napa Valley floor, the Ladera Vineyards are among the finest in the region with an unwavering reputation for stellar Bordeaux-style wines of incredible intensity. Owners Pat and Anne Stotesbery developed their hands-on style on their Montana ranch, a commercial cow/calf operation where they and their four children worked for many years. A serendipitous vacation to the Napa Valley changed everything though, as their interests in agriculture quickly shifted to the viticultural side of things and their ambition of starting a winery began to come full circle. The Stotesberys established Ladera Vineyards in 1996 and released their first wines in 2001 – met with instant critical acclaim and high scores by wine tabloids. Pat and Anne Stotesbery are joined by winemaker Karen Culler, who lends her incredible creativity and veteran winemaking talents to the Ladera wines – an exceptional portfolio that shows the potential of powerful, intense mountain fruit of the Napa Valley.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Ladera's 2006 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the winery's 185-acre property on the slopes of Howell Mountain, rising above the Napa Valley floor along the eastern side of the Silverado Trail. The site's distinctive character yields intense Cabernet fruit with deep dark cherry flavors and rich textures, with smoothly structured tannins that promise long ageability. The grapes' European style is also apparent in the refined, balanced and classical harmony of the finished blend. *Wine Spectator* rates this Howell Mountain Cabernet **94 Points**: "A tour de force Cabernet, dense, plush, rich and concentrated, wall to wall flavors, with layers of black cherry, black currant, black licorice, mineral and graphite." As deep and dark in color as it is in aroma and flavors, the stunning Ladera 2006 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is beautifully elegant with floral, smoky, and rich blackberry notes on the nose and a delicious entry filled with flavors of dark cherries, blueberry, cocoa and spiced plum. An excellent achievement from Ladera Vineyards! Aged 21 months in oak. 100% Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy now until 2016.

REORDERS*2006 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon*

Winery Direct: \$70.00 /bottle

**Gold Medal Wine Store price:****2-Bottle Members: \$60.00 /bottle****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$58.00 /bottle**

\*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

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