



D Cubed Cellars
2002
Howell Mountain Zinfandel

Tasting Notes:

In 2002 I harvested wonderful fruit, full of amazing flavor. This wine is 58% Black Sears and 42% Slaybaugh Ranch vineyards. Slaybaugh Ranch is reaching the quality that I had hoped for when we planted the vineyard in 1997. This wine has wonderful, intense flavor, and classic Howell Mountain structure. The Black Sears Vineyard, as always, lends incredible fruit and rarely matched complexity.

The 2002 Zin has aromas of blackberry and cassis, with cedar, mushrooms and white pepper. It is rich, and has smooth tannins. The flavors carry through to a long, smooth finish. Enjoy this wine with roasted duck, a rich risotto, and good friends.

Winemaking Notes:

Vines:	10-20 years old
Appellation:	100% Howell Mountain
Alcohol:	14.7% Cases: 600
Cooperage:	12 months. 60% French, 40% American

The Howell Mountain appellation begins at 1200 ft....our fruit from this mountainous appellation comes from vines planted above 1700ft! These cooler, volcanic- soil conditions naturally slow down the maturation process of the grapes which ultimately produce a unique grape personality: more tannins, big aromatics, a lot of delicate spice characteristics and really complex.