



# CULLER

Labor Day is over.  
Time to put away the white pants and bring out the red wine!

And a great time to release the  
2007 Culler Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain

How do I describe the Culler Howell Mountain Cab, especially in relation to Culler La Palette? This is the most common question that I am asked about this wine. It is so easy to describe La Palette...a beautiful example of a Napa Valley Cab...fruit forward, a big juicy mid palate with plentiful tannins on the finish.

But describing the Howell Mountain Cab is much more difficult. Talking about any wine that is a balanced mix of flavor and texture is difficult because no one component stands out. The whole of this wine is much greater than the sum of its parts. The wine is built of so many flavors and aromas and tastes that it leaves me speechless. A winemaker friend of mine taught me a great wine descriptor many years ago, when she was at a loss for words in talking about a wine.... "Yummy"! I think that is the best way to describe this wine!

Soon after harvest was complete in 2007, the press touted the vintage as outstanding. I am always slower to make those proclamations because I think that many times a wine can make dramatic changes (sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse) over the two years it spends in barrels. The 2007 started out great, then became a little closed and tight, and now is opening up and showing it's true colors (cullers??). Now it is very much becoming a Howell Mountain Cab...lush, seamless, red and black berry aromas, with hints of dried herbs and toasty French oak barrels and yummy!. I think the wine will be long lived, and will need a little patience to show its best.

I only made 76 cases of this wine and will mostly offer it to my mailing list. I am offering a 10% discount on a 6 bottle purchase and 20% on 12 bottles or more. Again, feel free to combine your order with friends for the discount. All you have to do is write "Combine with your friend's name order" on your form and I will honor the discount.

Cheers and have a great Fall!