

ILONA



Howell Mountain

Awards and Accolades

- “While Merlot guides this moderately complex meritage bottling and affords it with a good sense of ripe, black-cherry fruitiness, Cabernet [Sauvignon] comes on strong at the finish and lends a measure of tannic toughness that is hard to miss...however, it does not empty out or dry up, and its impressions of richness and real concentration...”
–Connoisseurs’ Guide
- “Bright ruby hue. Warm, minty aromas of raspberry, chocolate, tobacco and forest floor. Creamy flavors of cherry, orange peel, mocha, vanillin oak and dried leaves...”
–The Wine News
- 92 Points ”This tribute wine opens with a seductive, intense chocolate-tinged dark berry fruit bouquet. Layered flavors and a deep velvety texture provide pleasure galore in Catherine Eddy’s homage to her mother. You can cellar this...but you don’t have to - this single-vineyard blend from one of Napa’s most desirable neighborhoods is supple and delicious now.” –Wine Enthusiast
- “There’s red fruit at the core of this merlot–cabernet blend, but it’s constricted to somber blackberry by all the oak and grape tannin. The oak comes across in better chocolate and intense, spicy menthol flavors, the grape tannin in a bitter stinky grip. Don’t try to drink this now, but if you go for Howell Mountain power...” –Wine & Spirits
- “Deep garnet hue. Pungent claret aromas of mushroom, earth and tea with a note of rhubarb. An earthy nuance runs through a core of red fruits, mocha and tea.” –The Wine News