

TURLEY

2016 Turley “Rattlesnake Ridge,” Zinfandel, Howell Mountain

Rattlesnake Ridge is an estate-owned and certified organic vineyard. Located at the top of Howell Mountain at about 2600 feet, the vines see more sun here than they would on the valley floor; however, it is much colder due to the elevation, and can even snow in the winter. All combined, these factors make for a truly unique wine: bold flavors, tannin and an acid backbone that can only come from Howell Mountain.

There’s a reason the word “more” popped up six separate times in our original tasting note of this wine—the Rattlesnake truly goes above & beyond. Brambly blue and black fruits take a backseat to the plentiful cracked pepper, sultry spices and wild underbrush characteristics that define this exceptional Howell Mountain vineyard. Smoked meats and purple fruits abound on the palate, and play beautifully atop the rugged, edgy tannins. We recommend decanting for at least an hour before drinking, or laying it down to enjoy in years to come!



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