



La Jota Vineyard Co.
HOWELL MOUNTAIN ESTATE



La Jota Vineyard Co. is nestled 1,800 feet above sea level on Howell Mountain, high above the fog that blankets Napa Valley many mornings. One of Napa Valley's oldest wineries, La Jota was founded in 1898 by Frederick Hess, who purchased 327 acres of the old Mexican land grant, Rancho La Jota, to plant vineyards and, only two years later, was producing award winning wines. Today from the nutrient-lean, volcanic soils of Howell Mountain, our vineyards continue to produce world-class Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot wines.

THE ESSENTIALS:

- Historical Winery – One of Napa Valley's first cult wines
- Historic Acclaim – Beginning with a Bronze Medal at the 1900 Paris Exposition and a Gold Medal at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair
- Howell Mountain – Napa Valley's first AVA, the coolest AVA north of Carneros
- La Jota Estate Vineyards – 28 acres of lean, gravelly soils that yield small, concentrated berries which produce wines of great intensity, structure and aging potential
- Artisanal Winemaking – Meticulous attention to detail from vineyard to bottle



WINEMAKER CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER

Winemaker Chris Carpenter has been making La Jota wines since 2005. A chance trip to Napa after earning a B.S. in biology from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and an MBA in marketing and international business from the University of Illinois, Chicago made Chris realize he could combine his love of science with his passion for food and wine. After earning an M.S. from the Department of Viticulture and Enology at the University of California, Davis, Chris worked at wineries in Italy and California, allowing him to develop exceptional skill crafting wines from mountain terroir, making him the ideal winemaker for La Jota.



THE WINES OF LA JOTA

Heritage Release Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Previously known as the Anniversary Release

Our Heritage Release Cabernet Sauvignon offers the finest expression of La Jota terroir – great depth, texture and minerality with supple tannins that ensure tremendous aging potential. Each vintage, the finest grapes are selected to become part of the Heritage Release – be it from the best single block or a blend of the most exceptional grapes from several blocks on the estate.

Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

We choose a selection of our softer-textured Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard blocks to give this wine earlier approachability while capturing the full expression of La Jota's cool-climate terroir. Our Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits rich, mountain-fruit intensity with opulent aromas of cassis, wild strawberry and forest earth followed on the palate with spice, black fruit and blueberries with structured tannins.

Howell Mountain Cabernet Franc

Our Cabernet Franc comes from an exceptional little vineyard planted in 1976 next to our century-old stone winery on Howell Mountain. These vines were grafted on resistant St. George rootstock which escaped the ravages of phylloxera to become one of the oldest Cabernet Franc vineyards in Napa. Our Cabernet Franc presents classic characteristics with aromatics of red cherry, tea, and a hint of toast and spice. The texture and silky tannins on the pallet combine beautiful high fruit tones, vanilla, and mulberry.

Howell Mountain Merlot

We source the grapes for our Merlot from two distinct vineyards located high upon a Howell Mountain plateau. Our estate grapes provide the wine with a serious cocoa/chocolate element while our Keyes Vineyard one mile down the road lends the wine a “pop” of bright fruit character and broader tannins. The aromatics of this wine are rich with cocoa, blackberry and smoke while the sweet tannins, minerality, and tremendous length carry overtones of dark chocolate and deep, dark fruit on the palate.