

## 2022 TURLEY "DRAGON VINEYARD" ZINFANDEL HOWELL MOUNTAIN

## HISTORY

Dragon Vineyard is an estate-farmed, certified organic vineyard. Planted at 2250 feet at one of the highest points on Howell Mountain, the vineyard sits well above the fog line and faces east, first to receive the soft morning sun. These important features, along with the rocky, red volcanic soil, make for a unique, full-bodied, powerful Zinfandel. This is often Larry's favorite since it goes with what he most likes to cook: bold, flavorful, spice-laden meats laid over an open fire. There's a reason Howell Mountain was the first designated sub-AVA in Napa Valley: the wines from this hallowed ridge are the most distinctive in the entire region.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Certified organic and planted at 2400' above Napa Valley, these wines are among the most distinctive in the entire region. Powerful, deep, profound yet refined; much like its namesake, the Dragon is an elegant beast. Dark fruits, robust black pepper, savory orgeat, and overall superb. This is a wine with a lot of personality that you will want to discover with time.

AVA: Napa Valley

Sub-AVA: Howell Mountain

Soil: Volcanic

Elevation: 2,250 ft

Planted: 2000

Variety: Zinfandel

Viticulture: Certified organic,

hand harvested

Fermentation: Native yeast

**Barrels:** 80% used oak, 20% new 80% French oak, 20% American

Aging: 15 months in barrel Bottled unfined and unfiltered First Turley Vintage: 2002

**Alcohol:** 15.7%

**Serving Temp:** 55-65°F **Release:** Spring 2024



