

## Robert Foley Vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain Napa Valley, California, USA 2019

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**Tasted by:** Jonathan Cristaldi  
(at Angwin, California, 30 Jul 2025)  
**Drinking Window:** 2025 - 2040

The oldest vines were planted in 2002, and the most recent in 2010. Bob explains that the site exemplifies Howell Mountain, with gripping tannins balanced by great acidity. Budbreak here comes two to three weeks later than on the valley floor, keeping the vines on a slower track. When harvest begins in the valley, the fruit on Howell Mountain can still be two to three weeks away. Warm days and cold nights preserve acidity and send the vines a physiological signal to ripen their seeds; once those are ripe, the phenolics are ripe too, though picking often stretches well into Hallowe'en. This wine captures all of those characteristics, with pure, rich cassis, bright violet, and blue-fruit aromatics, layered with sagebrush and tobacco. The palate shows depth, richness, and tension, framed by perfectly long, robust tannins that are muscular, firm, and fine. Exceptional length, with saline acidity and liquefied graphite carrying through to the finish. Just remarkable.

Producer	<b>Robert Foley Vineyards</b>
Brand	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon</b>
Vintage	<b>2019</b>
Wine Type	<b>Still</b>
Colour	<b>Red</b>
Country	<b>USA</b>
Region	<b>California</b>
Appellation	<b>Napa Valley</b>
Sweetness	<b>Dry</b>
Closure	<b>Cork</b>
Alcohol	<b>14.90%</b>
Body	<b>Full</b>
Oak	<b>Yes</b>
Grapes	<b>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</b>