



## Howell Mountain Vineyards 2001 Old Vine Zinfandel

This Zinfandel is a blend of fruit from both Beatty Ranch, which is 90 years old, and Black Sears Vineyard comprised of 30 years old vines. The 2001 vintage from both of these premier Howell Mountain Appellation Vineyards has produced wine that is without question of top-notch quality. Owner and hands-on grower, Mike Beatty said that these are the best grapes he has seen in 25 years of farming. Joyce and Jerre Sears are right with him raving about the quality from the Black Sears Vineyard.

The growing season started with the threat of frost, but turned into an early, warm spring. There were a few very warm days in June that caused the vines to develop early, but July and August produced moderate, even heat. The 2001 vintage was one of the earliest harvests ever experienced at both Beatty Ranch and Black Sears Vineyard.

The wine shows sweet, ripe cherry with juicy, soft fruit. An almost blueberry like quality, mixed with hints of anise, giving this wine an intriguing nose. This leads into a beautiful mouth feel that is very silky and soft on the palate. The richness and luscious flavors follow through to a soft and lasting finish.

Production: 2048 Cases

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