

# CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE



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## **ATLAS PEAK 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain**

**86** points

“Despite a tantalizing sensation of fruity sweetness to its faintly cinnamon-spiced nose, this wine turns out to be both a bit stiff and dry on the palate without the requisite fruit stuffing to fight off its overly obvious tannins and a scant hint of very firm, close to souring acidity. It might surprise if allowed to sit for five or six years in the cellar, but keeping comes as a real and expensive leap of faith.”

