Howell Mountain is a distinct and unique location in the heart of Napa Valley, California. The 45-acre site rests on the mountain's south-west slopes and is planted with high-quality grapes used in the production of red wine.

When the fog rolls off the ocean and into the Napa Valley, the weather on Howell Mountain is generally sunny and cool. The appellation owes its distinctive climate to the fact that it is positioned high above the valley floor.

The program includes both the wine production facilities and the hospitality facilities for visitors. The driving concept of the project is to merge those two, often opposing, programmatic elements. From west to east, the site has a 43% grade change. By designing a gravity flow winery, this facility can take advantage of that significant slope.