

# 2018 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

## SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:** Jason Price  
**REGION:** Napa Valley, California  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (88%), Cabernet Franc (12%)  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in 80% new French oak  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.8% alc/vol | TA: 6.1 g/L | pH: 3.69

**VINTAGE:** February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for winemakers to allow their fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

**TERROIR:** The Crowley vineyard is a close fit for the mountain Cabernet portfolio from the highest elevations of Napa Valley. Overlooking St. Helena from its perch at 2,000 feet, this vineyard's rocky volcanic soil, varied hillside exposures, and moderate climate produce densely concentrated wine grapes. The mountain is cooled by afternoon breezes from the nearby Pacific Ocean, creating moderate daytime temperatures and cooler nights that allow grapes to ripen slowly without pushing high alcohol and sugars. Biodynamically farmed.

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2018 Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon unfolds with a nose of intense black fruit, wild lavender and tobacco. The palate is medium to full-bodied with a beautiful texture unveiling blueberries, fresh black currants, peppercorn and cardamom. A beautiful wine with energy and refinement.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 95 pts JamesSuckling.com, 94+ pts Vinous

**ABOUT ROBERT CRAIG WINERY:** With a passion for Napa Valley Mountain Cabernet, Bob Craig founded his eponymous winery on Howell Mountain with three friends from business school. In 2004, CEO Elton Slone joined the winery and became a full partner in 2007. Following Bob's retirement and departure from the wine business in 2012, Slone has continued to move the business forward with the other three founding partners. Known for producing small-lot, site-expressive wines from high elevation vineyards, Robert Craig Winery consistently garners high scores and positive accolades from the wine press.

