

2021 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD CHARDONNAY



WINEMAKER: Jason Price
REGION: Sonoma Coast, California
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 8 months in 10% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.4 g/L | pH: 3.34

VINTAGE: 2021 was an ideal growing vintage in Gap's Crown Vineyard featuring tiny clusters of intensely flavored berries. A cold, windy spring reduced the crop size significantly. A measured, moderate summer was capped with an early harvest. This is a classic year featuring structure for long-term aging, as well as delivering focus and precision from the outset.

TERROIR: Gap's Crown Vineyard is owned by Bill Price. Situated on the southern end of Sonoma Mountain on the west side, the 138-acre hillside vineyard has extremely stony soils and low yields. Known as "The Petaluma Gap," this area is a fog and breeze pocket that is unique in the Sonoma Coast. Cool temperatures, low pH values and high natural acidity produce wines of truly stunning vibrancy.

TASTING NOTES: The 2021 Gap's Crown Chardonnay is a racy, Chablis-like Chardonnay. Citrus blossom, lemon peel, smooth stream pebbles and the chalky soils of the vineyard all make an appearance in the glass. Showing beautifully on release, and will easily handle 15 to 20 years in the cellar.

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 1990. Elton Slone joined the winery as CEO in 2004, and assumed primary ownership in 2007. Bob's retirement in 2012 brought newfound determination for Slone, who continues Robert Craig's steadfast commitment to excellence in all aspects of the business. Known for producing small-lot, site-expressive wines from high elevation vineyards in a classic style, Robert Craig Winery consistently garners critical acclaim and high accolades from the wine press.

