

2020 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD CHARDONNAY



WINEMAKER: Jason Price
REGION: Sonoma Coast, California
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 8 months 10% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.4% alc/vol | TA: 8.1 g/L | pH: 3.32

VINTAGE: The 2020 vintage started with a mild winter and lighter than normal rainfall. During flowering, the rains finally showed up resulting in a poorer “set” of berries. Lower yields concentrate flavors into fewer clusters and fewer berries, so what was lost in yield, was gained in quality. Summer brought very cool mornings and warm days. This build-up to harvest was interrupted by two wildfires as we turned to the fall; The LNU Complex Fire started on August 17th and the Glass Fire started on September 27. Thankfully the white wine harvest started in early August, avoiding any damage and shows beautiful concentration of flavor.

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 2020 Gap's Crown Chardonnay is a racy, Chablis-like Chardonnay. Meyer lemon, smooth stream pebbles and the chalky soils of the vineyard all make an appearance in the glass. Showing beautifully now but will easily handle fifteen to twenty 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 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.

