

2019 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Jason Price
REGION: Napa Valley, California
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
MATURATION: 18 months in 90% new French oak. Unfiltered & unfined.
ANALYSIS: 14.8% alc/vol | TA: 6.3 g/L | pH: 3.74

VINTAGE: The 2019 Napa Valley vintage kicked off with substantial rain in the winter and spring. Budbreak and bloom arrived on time, but frost and wind at this time reduced yields. A long and even growing season progressed without heat spikes through harvest, which maximized color development. Several passes to drop fruit in the vineyard resulted in explosive flavors in the berries. Tannins were high, though ripe and round.

TERROIR: The Crowley vineyard fits nicely into the mountain Cabernet portfolio that includes some of 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 Pacific Ocean breezes, moderating daytime temperatures and providing cooler nights that allow grapes to ripen slowly without pushing high alcohol and sugars. Biodynamically farmed.

TASTING NOTES: This vintage is defined by its small size and overall gravitas. The wine is deeply colored, velvety on the palate (despite the high tannin count characteristic of the vintage) and set for a long life ahead. Beautiful in its piercing showcase of the volcanic soils of Joan Crowley's small vineyard, this 2019 Cabernet is, without doubt, the best edition of this bottling since 2005, making it one of the highest quality red wines to be produced anywhere in Napa Valley at any price.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Vinous, 93+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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.

