

2020 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

AFFINITY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Jason Price
REGION: Napa Valley, California
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (86%), Merlot (10%), Malbec (4%)
MATURATION: 20 months in French oak (20% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.9 g/L | pH: 3.66

VINTAGE: The 2020 vintage Affinity and Howell Mountain wines from the premium blocks were picked prior to the major wildfires that impacted some Napa Valley harvests. Otherwise, a cold and wet spring merged into a moderate summer, when Cabernet ripened slowly and evenly. The one pass to harvest yielded classic Cabernet and Merlot structure in tiny bunches and exceptional quality.

TERROIR: Just south of Stag's Leap, nestled in Coombsville's Mt. George foothills on the eastern side of the Napa Valley, the La Londe Estate Vineyard has produced exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon for the Robert Craig portfolio since Bob Craig purchased the property back in 1993. As a hillside, cane-pruned site that bears just 3.5 tons per acre, the 30-year-old vines allow a rare display of the volcanic, stony soils in the finished wines. Grapes are small, deeply black flavored, and undeniably racy with a big backbone of acidity. Additional fruit was sourced from the Howell Mountain Winery Estate Vineyard.

TASTING NOTES: This vintage is perfumed with the signature Coombsville roasted coffee bean, anise, dusty cherry and a touch of cigar box, and many of these same expressions flow through the center of the palate.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. Last vintage: 92 pts Vinous, 91 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.

