

2021 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Jason Price
REGION: Napa Valley, California
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (87%), Malbec (7%), Merlot (4%), Petit Verdot (2%)
MATURATION: 18 months in French oak (65% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | pH 3.73 | TA: 6.0

VINTAGE: The minuscule yields of nearly one ton per acre on Robert Craig's Howell Mountain Estate and Candlestick Ridge vineyards led to historic skin-to-juice ratios that provided wines of exceptional color and depth, even by Howell Mountain standards. Despite the size and the towering tannin structure, this Howell Mountain Cabernet retains its nerve, energy and lift.

TERROIR: This wine comes primarily from the 9.5-acre Winery Estate Vineyard, with the addition of old vine lots from Candlestick Ridge Vineyard. Both vineyards sit at 2300 feet along the summit ridge. The Howell Mountain AVA begins at 1400 feet and includes vineyards that sit above the inversion layer and fog line.

TASTING NOTES: A vibrant, primary mass of dark fruits in the nose and mouth pull back to reveal the class and nuance that make this wine one of Napa Valley's very best reds each year. Crushed red rocks, dark thorny vine fruits, cassis, mountain wildflowers all pour from the glass.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated.

ABOUT ROBERT CRAIG WINERY: With a passion for Napa Valley Mountain Cabernet, Bob Craig founded his eponymous winery in 1990 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.

