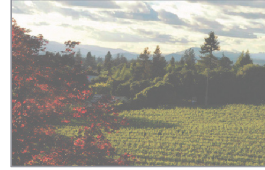


# 2021 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

## AFFINITY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:**

Jason Price

**REGION:**

Napa Valley, California

**VARIETALS:**

Cabernet Sauvignon (75%), Merlot (18%), Malbec (4%), Petit Verdot (3%)

**MATURATION:**

18 months in French oak (55% new)

**ANALYSIS:**

14.8% alc/vol | TA: 6.0 g/L | pH: 3.72

**VINTAGE:** The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest season. Due in part to the drought, yields were naturally lower, down a staggering 60%. The vineyard management team did a masterful job managing the vineyards, ensuring the wines captured this shy-bearing vintage's undeniable charm along with its somewhat brooding dark floral qualities and opaque structure.

**TERROIR:** The 2021 bottling of Affinity marks the departure (at least for the next few years) from the La Londe Vineyard in Coombsville. For this vintage, the mountain estate vineyards on Howell Mountain and Mount Veeder provided the backbone of the wine, rounded out by a handful of longtime Napa Valley growers who have long contributed to this hillside Bordeaux blend. This wine is powerful and ageworthy, yet supple enough to be enjoyed upon release. More so than ever, Affinity provides savvy Craig lovers with a Napa collectible at a tremendous price point.

**TASTING NOTES:** The mineral, graphite and black thorny-vine fruits are all on full display in this mountain sourced wine. The tiny clusters that proliferated in 2021 at high elevations in the Napa Valley provide strength and structure in this deeply colored Bordeaux blend. A more judicious use of new French Oak helps the dark fruit to pour from the glass and extend on the palate.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92+ pts Vinous

**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.

