

2021 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Jason Price
REGION: Napa Valley, California
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (93%), Malbec (7%)
MATURATION: 18 months in 70% new French oak. Unfiltered & unfined.
ANALYSIS: 14.8% alc/vol | TA: 6.3 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 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 tiny berries and intense expression of the rocky Spring Mountain soils in 2021. On the Crowley Vineyard, dry farming in conjunction with the ongoing drought produced incredibly small, intense berries with deep color and high tannin count. The tannins are round and ripe, providing a beautiful framework for flavors of deep cassis, menthol, blueberry, iron and forest floor. A huge example of Spring Mountains signature blue notes, with the elegance that is a hallmark of this extraordinary vineyard.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 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.

