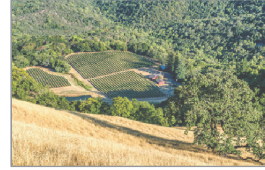


2021 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Jason Price
REGION: Napa Valley, California
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (81%), Cabernet Franc (11%), Malbec (8%)
MATURATION: 18 months in 70% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.2 g/L | pH: 3.74

VINTAGE: Cane-pruned, organically farmed. Starting in 2019, Robert Craig enlisted Phil Coturri and Enterprise Vineyard Management to prune the vines back slowly, making small cuts and leaving ample room around the trunks so as not to impede sap flow or cause desiccation zones in the vines. The result meant going from 22 tons of yield to 9 tons over the next four vintages with the goal of improved quality. 2021 was a low-yield vintage for the Amentet Vineyard; the balanced vines at 1700' have produced a Cabernet that is traditional in the best way.

TERROIR: Perched at 1,700' of elevation along Wall Road on the north end of the Mount Veeder AVA, this 6.5-acre vineyard is destined for greatness. The sandy, gravel-based soils of shale with a sandstone topsoil produce wines that are black in color with very low PH values and naturally high acids. A perfect combination for longevity. The beauty of this warmer, fog-free northern section of Mount Veeder is that the wines are free of any unwanted vegetal or rustic characteristics that can affect cooler climate sites to the south.

TASTING NOTES: This wine is savage, black and untamed with a searing sense of the blue shale soils with chalky, white fossilized marine material that surged up off of the ocean floor five million years ago. Dark floral tones, graphite, conifer forest floor, and explosive dark cassis fruit in its core. An hour decant is recommended if enjoying it in its youth.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. Previous vintage - 95 pts Vinous, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com

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.

