

2022 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER:

Jason Price

REGION:

Napa Valley, California

VARIETALS:

Cabernet Sauvignon (99%), Malbec (1%)

MATURATION:

18 months in 75% new French oak. Unfiltered & unfined.

ANALYSIS:

14.8% alc/vol | TA: 6.1 g/L | pH: 3.73

VINTAGE: In 2022 the vines recovered from an early frost event to produce small, intensely flavored clusters. The vineyard team did a masterful job managing the vineyards, ensuring the wines captured this shy-bearing vintage's undeniable charm. A cool site even in hot years, this block produced fruit of terrific freshness and vitality in a year marked by variable weather.

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: Deep color and the intense perfume of dark mountain flowers are the signature of this wine each year, and we are fortunate to obtain a tiny amount of this exquisite fruit to create a wine with great weight, structure and velvety texture. The tannins are round and ripe, providing a beautiful framework for flavors of deep cassis, menthol, blueberry, iron and forest floor. A textbook example of Spring Mountain's signature blue notes, with the elegance that is a hallmark of this extraordinary vineyard.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 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.

