

2021 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

"THE STICK" CABERNET BLEND



WINEMAKER:

Jason Price

REGION:

Napa Valley, California

VARIETALS:

Cabernet Sauvignon (66%), Merlot (22%), Malbec (7%),
Petit Verdot (5%)

MATURATION:

18 months in 75% new French oak

ANALYSIS:

14.8% alc/vol | TA: 6.1 g/L | pH: 3.70

VINTAGE: In 2021, yields were down a staggering 60% as the vines continued their recovery from the fires of 2020, a situation compounded by ongoing drought. Precision winemaking was crucial, especially in mountain vineyards. The vineyard management team did a masterful job, ensuring the wines captured this shy-bearing vintage's undeniable charm along with its somewhat brooding dark notes.

TERROIR: "The Stick" is an homage to Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard, a mountain jewel that sits on Howell Mountain's north summit at 2300'. The site is a short drive from Robert Craig's Estate Vineyard, but produces fruit of such individual intensity and power that it deserves a unique bottling to capture the character of this special vineyard site. This predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon single-vineyard, estate red also utilizes Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot, and is held back an additional year in bottle to ensure that it is perfectly integrated upon release.

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

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.

