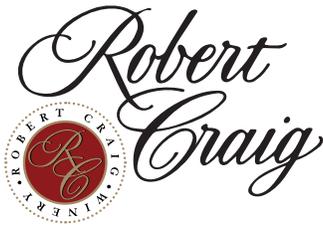


*Cabernet Sauvignon*  
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

## 2014 HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL | BLACK SEARS VINEYARD

**ABOUT THIS WINE** This gorgeous Zinfandel hails from the incredible Black Sears Vineyard – found (quite literally if you’ve got a decent arm) a stone’s throw from our estate vineyard gate at the top of Howell Mountain. When poured out, the wine’s signature Howell Mountain pedigree is immediately evident, with deep blackberry, white pepper and a refreshing minerality at the forefront.

**VINEYARD** Black Sears has “King of the Mountain” bragging rights - topping out at 2400 feet, making it officially the highest vineyard on the mountain. For 25 years, winemakers have clamored for the Zinfandel grown here: both biodynamic and organic, the site is dry farmed and the vines pruned in the old world style with no trellising. Zinfandel thrives in the mountain’s well-drained, rocky volcanic soils and moderate climate.

**VINTAGE** As always, Black Sears produced something quite spectacular in 2014. Though it was yet another drought year, 2014 was marked by being somewhat unremarkable, in that everything happened like clockwork – budbreak, flowering, fruit set, shoot growth and veraison – all right on time. The 2014 shows what Zin can do on Howell Mountain; it’s extremely dense, with great power and depth.

The 2014 Black Sears Vineyard Zinfandel is classically structured, with ample weight, offering a nice balance between flavor, alcohol, pH and tannin — melding the power of mountain Zinfandel fruit with a light winemaking touch in the cellar. A powerful variation on a Howell Mountain, old vine theme, the wine is bursting with warm red stones, wild bramble fruits, and a dash of ground white pepper.

**HARVEST DATES:** September 15 - 23, 2014

**AVERAGE SUGAR:** 24.8° Brix | **ALCOHOL:** 14.4%

**PH:** 3.59 | **TA:** 6.3g/L

**BARREL AGING:** 18 months French oak (40% new); unfiltered & unfined

**BOTTLING DATE:** May 6, 2016

**CASES PRODUCED:** 390

**PRICE:** CA SRP \$55.00

