

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2015 MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ABOUT THIS WINE Mount Veeder rests roughly halfway up the west side of the Napa Valley in the Mayacamas mountain range. The wines that emanate from the rough, rocky soils share the common trait of power. Robert Craig Winery has a special connection to Mount Veeder as Bob Craig played a key role in the founding of the AVA. Despite the intense tannin and acid structure of our Mount Veeder cabernet, the abundance of deep, black fruit helps to keep the wine in balance over decades in the cellar. Our 2015 Mount Veeder Cabernet is hands down one of the most profound Cabernets that we have produced at Robert Craig Winery in terms of its size and power. If enjoying this wine young, a two-hour decant is recommended.

VINEYARD After 22 years sourcing our Veeder Cabernet from the Pym Rae Vineyard, the 2015 will be our final bottling from the late Robin Williams' 19-acre property. Pym Rae is on the north end of the appellation, free from coastal influence, where the fruit develops incredible structure and purity. For now, we say a fond farewell to an outstanding property and old friend, while looking ahead to 2019, when we will introduce the first Cabernet from our new estate vineyard—newly christened “Amentet Vineyard”—which abuts the Pym Rae property.

VINTAGE After three abundant, mild harvests in a row, the 2015 kicked off with unseasonably warm temperatures, resulting in early budbreak and bloom. Colder temperatures in May (the peak of bloom) caused some uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in a smaller crop compared to previous years. Harvest was one of the earliest on record on the valley floor, while mountain fruit lingered on the vine into mid-October. The ongoing drought continued to be a concern, though Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall.

Our 2015 Mount Veeder offering is a towering wine of tremendous tannin structure coupled with dense color. Classic Mount Veeder markers are present in force; dried cocoa, pencil shaving, cassis, and mountain violet are woven into this tightly wound wine. The 2015 Mount Veeder will cellar comfortably for decades yet should start to show well as soon as 2020.

BLEND: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot

HARVEST DATES: September 16-October 13, 2015

AVERAGE SUGAR: 25.9° Brix | **TA:** 6.8g/L | **PH:** 3.64 | **ALCOHOL:** 15.06%

BARREL AGING: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak; 80% new & 20% 2nd year. Unfiltered and unfinned.

BOTTLING DATE: April 27, 2017

CASES PRODUCED: 775 | **PRICE:** CA SRP \$90.00

