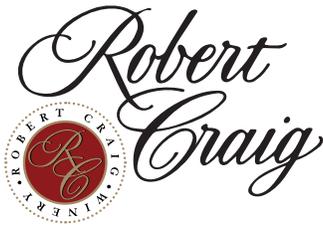


Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2016 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot

KEY POINTS

- Produced from our 9.5-acre estate vineyard, perched along the summit ridge of Howell Mountain at 2300'.
- Considered our flagship release, the Howell Mountain Cabernet is the defining wine of our portfolio — a rare and extraordinary wine from a superb vineyard.
- Vines were planted in 1997 on 110R rootstock which fares well in stony soils, our estate vineyard is showing the vine maturity in the finished wines.
- The red volcanic and tufa soils give this Cabernet a wild, bramble berry character, coupled with touches of warm red stones and spice.
- Variation in soils and microclimates within this small property make it challenging to farm. The yields are a meager 1.8 tons to the acre, but the fruit possesses a rare power and expression of site.
- Soils are especially shallow, even for Howell Mountain, and the vines must work through the rocky soils to seek moisture.

2016 VINTAGE NOTES

- 2016 in Napa Valley was considered an “exceptional vintage,” with ideal growing conditions, moderate yields and superb wine quality.
- The early, moderate weather and lack of significant heat events made for one of the best quality vintages of recent memory.
- Compared to the previous four vintages, 2016 saw wetter spring soil conditions, requiring careful canopy maintenance.
- Yields were moderate to below average going into harvest. Tannin quantity was overall slightly low, but tannin quality is excellent.

“The 2016 Howell Mt is deep garnet-purple colored and scented of black plums, black cherries, mulberries and fertile soil with a hint of cigars. Medium to full-bodied, firm and chew, it gives a good amount of plummy fruit...”

LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE (FEB. 2019)

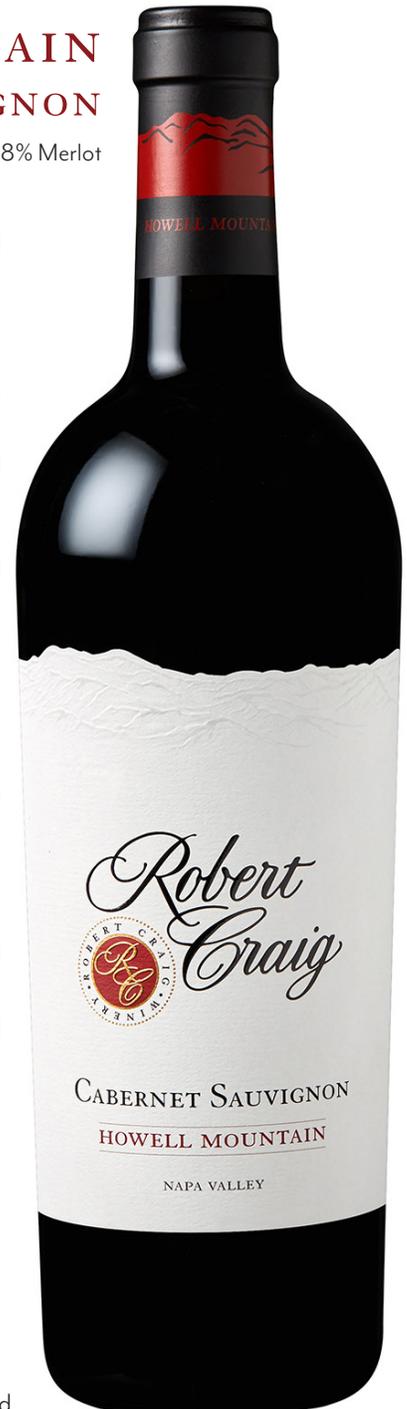
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HARVEST DATES: September 16-October 1, 2016

AVERAGE SUGAR: 24.9° Brix | **TA:** 6.6g/L **PH:** 3.68

BARREL AGING: 18 mo. Chateau-style French oak; 80% new/20% 2nd yr. Unfiltered & unfined.

CASES PRODUCED: 1800



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