

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2016 SPRING MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

KEY POINTS

- Our Spring Mountain Cabernet displays the mountain's special blue notes – blueberry, boysenberry and exotic plum fruits – that are so distinctive to Cabernets grown on its slopes.
- We are fortunate to obtain a tiny amount of this exquisite fruit to create a wine with great weight, structure and velvety texture.
- The Crowley vineyard overlooks St. Helena from its perch at 2000 feet; rocky volcanic soil, varied hillside exposures, and moderate climate produce densely concentrated winegrapes.
- The mountain is cooled by afternoon breezes from the nearby Pacific Ocean, creating moderate daytime temperatures and cooler nights that allow grapes to ripen slowly without pushing high alcohol and sugars.

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 Cabernet Sauvignon (Spring Mountain) is suave, silky and super-polished. Sweet red cherry, blood orange, mint, pomegranate and wild flowers give the 2016 a distinctly exotic quality that is hugely appealing. Medium in body and decidedly gracious, the 2016 speaks to finesse above all else. Although a few years in bottle will only help, the Spring Mountain is the most accessible of these 2016s.”

94 POINTS – ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS (12/14/18)

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HARVEST DATES: September 29-October 11, 2016

AVERAGE SUGAR: 25.9° Brix | **TA:** 6.2g/L **PH:** 3.68

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

CASES PRODUCED: 1050



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