

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2016 DIAMOND MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ABOUT THIS WINE The 2016 vintage Diamond Mountain Cabernet continues our partnership with the sublime Andrew Geoffrey Vineyard at the summit of Diamond Mountain. We received only a few tons of this highly sought-after fruit from the perfect 2016 vintage, so our production is tiny at less than 300 cases.

VINEYARD With just 13 acres planted on the 60-acre site, the Andrew Geoffrey Vineyard's unique combination of soils (volcanic ash and loam) and varying exposures (Northeast, North and Northwest) required custom rootstock and clonal selection to optimize use of the land and micro-climates within the vineyard. Today, after budding over the Merlot clones in 2003 to additional Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, the vineyard is comprised of seventy-eight percent (78%) Cabernet Sauvignon, clones 337 and 15, both on 110r rootstock, eighteen percent (18%) Cabernet Franc of a proprietary clone on 110r rootstock, and four percent (4%) Petit Verdot clone 2 on 110r rootstock.

VINTAGE 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.

In the 2016 Diamond Mountain Cab, the vineyard's white, volcanic soils delivered a wine of breathtaking intensity and longevity. Even with the enormity of the structure and fruit, there is grace and nuance in the finished wine.

BLEND: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES: September 26-October 6, 2016

AVERAGE SUGAR: 25.5° Brix | **TA:** 6.1g/L | **PH:** 3.69

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

BOTTLING DATE: April 30, 2018

CASES PRODUCED: 250

PRICE: CA SRP \$120.00

