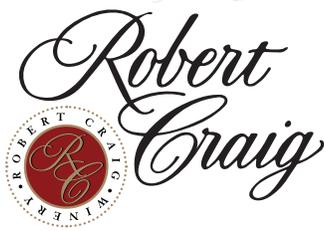




Cabernet Sauvignon  
ELEVATED™



ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

## 2017 HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL



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.

**True to its Howell Mountain pedigree, the 2017 vintage Black Sears Vineyard Zinfandel is beautifully clean and focused with boysenberry and bramble berry on the nose and palate wrapped in subtle pepper spice. This beauty is balanced and elegantly structured through the finish.**

### VINEYARD

- Black Sears Vineyard 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.
- Black Sears is 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

- 2017 kicked off with a wet winter and warm springtime that had the vines cranking.
- Summer saw 2 heat spikes, but the actual ripening period for Mountain reds was fair, cool and prolonged in September.
- 2017 was ideal ... until the devastating fires ripped through Sonoma and Napa counties.
- For the fruit already safe in the cellar, wines extracted easily and exhibited purity of flavor and structure with freshness and finesse.
- Mild weather during ripening preserved acid and allowed for picking at perfect sugar levels.

<b>BLEND</b> 100% Zinfandel	<b>BARREL AGING</b> 18 mo. French oak; 50% new/50% 2nd yr. Unfiltered & unfined.
<b>HARVEST DATES</b> 09/22/17	<b>BOTTLING DATE</b> May 1, 2019
<b>AVERAGE SUGAR</b> 26° Brix	<b>CASES PRODUCED</b> 295
<b>TA</b> 6.3g/L <b>PH</b> 3.58	<b>PRICE</b> CA SRP \$65.00
<b>ALCOHOL</b> 15.61%	