

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2019 AFFINITY ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2019 Affinity is an estate grown, single vineyard selection from La Londe Vineyard in Coombsville's Mt. George foothills just south of Stag's Leap. Our primary mission at Robert Craig Winery is to produce wines that feature pure site expression, and the soul of Affinity has always come from La Londe Vineyard, where the vines struggle in stony soils to yield a tiny 3.5 tons per acre with tremendous focus and intensity. Affinity is not an "entry level" Cabernet selection from our winery. It receives the same care and attention in the winery and vineyard as our mountain grown selections, yet the farming cost is lower due to the accessible nature of the site.

The 2019 edition of Affinity is dark black with pure cassis and espresso bean coming through the wine, which remains supple despite the high tannin count. The additional Bordeaux varieties help the Cabernet to unlock and show itself fully. As always, our Affinity Cabernet represents one of the single best bargains for collectible, age worthy Napa Valley Cabernet.



VINEYARD

- Just south of Stag's Leap, nestled in Coombsville's Mt. George Foothills on the eastern side of the Napa Valley.
- La Londe estate vineyard has produced exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon for our portfolio since Bob Craig purchased the property in 1993.
- The hillside, cane-pruned site bears just 3.5 tons per acre.
- 30-year-old vines allow a rare display of the volcanic, stony soils in the finished wines.
- Grapes are small, deeply black flavored, and undeniably racy with a big backbone of acidity.

VINTAGE

- The 2019 vintage in the Napa Valley kicked off with substantial rain in the winter and spring.
- Budbreak and bloom arrived on time, but frost and wind at budbreak & flower reduced yields.
- The growing season was long and even without major heat spikes during the harvest, so color development was maximized.
- Yields were down significantly from the bountiful 2018 vintage, and several passes to drop fruit in the vineyard resulted in explosive flavors in the berries.
- Tannins were high, though ripe and round.

BLEND 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petit Verdot, 5% Merlot, 1% Malbec

HARVEST DATE October 11-12, 2019

AVERAGE SUGAR 25° Brix

TA 6.2g/L **PH** 3.72 **ALCOHOL** 14.8%

BARREL AGING 16 mo. French oak; 55% new. Unfiltered & unfined.

BOTTLING DATE APRIL 29-30, 2021

CASES PRODUCED 2303

PRICE CA SRP \$76.00