

Cabernet Sauvignon
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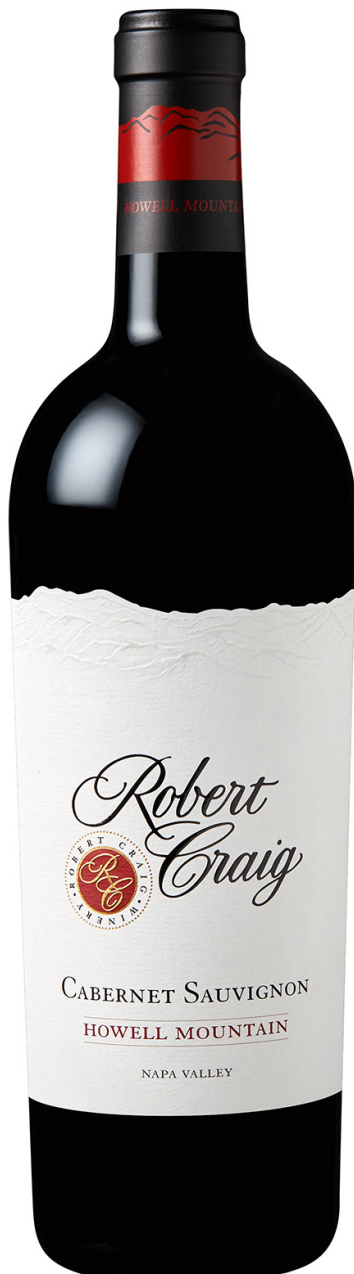


ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2019 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This wine comes primarily from our 9.5-acre Winery Estate Vineyard, with the addition of old vine lots from Candlestick Ridge Vineyard. Both vineyards sit at 2300' along the summit ridge. The Howell Mountain AVA begins at 1400' and includes vineyards that sit above the inversion layer and fog line. Considered our flagship release, the Howell Mountain Cabernet is the defining wine of our portfolio—a rare and extraordinary bottling from a superb vineyard. Though the tannin structure is off the charts each year, the tannins are supple and round, allowing a measure of grace in youth for such a long lived wine.

2019 was a remarkable vintage in the mountains of the Napa Valley and in particular Howell Mountain. Tiny yields and small, uniform bunches made for wine with unparalleled intensity in our history at Robert Craig Winery. Along with the usual core of minerality and wild berry fruit, the 2019 Howell Mountain Cabernet possesses an energy and nerve that signal a long life ahead in the cellar.



VINEYARDS

Winery Estate Vineyard

- Planted in 1997 on 110R rootstock; red volcanic & tufa soils
- Yields average a meager 1.8 tons/acre giving fruit a rare power and expression of site
- Soils are especially shallow, even for Howell Mountain

Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard

- Pure, white volcanic tufa soils provide excellent drainage while ensuring low yields and deeply flavored wine grapes

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: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 2% Petite Verdot

HARVEST DATES 9/13/19 - 10/25/19

AVERAGE SUGAR 25.9° Brix

TA 5.8g/L **PH** 3.70

ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING: 18 months in 80% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED 1176

PRICE CA SRP \$118.00