

Cabernet Sauvignon
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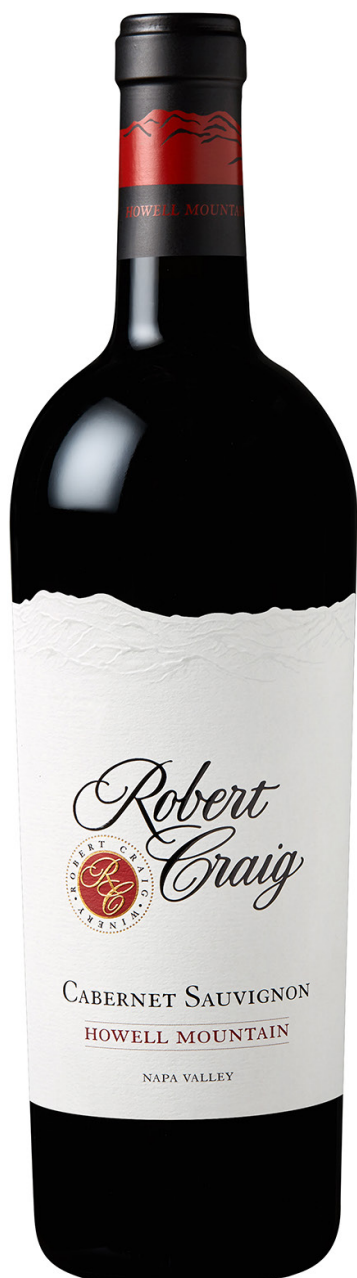
ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2019 MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Mount Veeder AVA sits roughly halfway up the west side of the Napa Valley in the Mayacamas mountain range. The cabernet that emanates from the rough, rocky Veeder soils share a common trait: power. In the 2019 vintage we essentially dry farmed an already small crop due to weather and drought.

Amentet Estate Vineyard – our little hanging garden that salutes the fair Egyptian goddess of rebirth – has reached maturity along the northern border of the Mount Veeder AVA. For this 2019 bottling, the Cabernet Sauvignon is blended with the Cabernet Franc grown on the site to make a wine that seems more Château Cheval Blanc than Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at times.

With just 404 cases available, the 2019 Amentet Vineyard Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon is a massive, iconic example of what is possible in the Mount Veeder AVA. There's an almost savage intensity that is unapologetic, as are the acid, tannins, and deep colored fruit. Give this wine some time in bottle; your patience will be rewarded.



AMENTET ESTATE VINEYARD

- Adjacent to the Pym Rae vineyard, Amentet reaches 1700' on Mount Veeder
- Sandy, gravel-based soils of shale with a sandstone topsoil produce wines that are black in color with very low PH values and naturally high acids: a perfect combination for longevity
- The beauty of this warmer, fog-free northern section of Mount Veeder is that the wines are free of any unwanted vegetal or rustic characteristics that can affect cooler climate sites to the south

2019 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,
17% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES 10/29/2019

AVERAGE SUGAR 25.3° Brix

TA 6.6g/L **PH** 3.78

ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING 18 mo. French oak; 90%
new/10% 2nd yr. Unfiltered & unfined.

BOTTLING DATE 4/28/2021

CASES PRODUCED 404

PRICE CA SRP \$118.00