

Cabernet Sauvignon
ELEVATED™



ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2018 THE STICK CANDLESTICK RIDGE VINEYARD

“The Stick” is our homage to Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard, a mountain jewel that sits on Howell Mountain’s north summit at 2300'. The site is a short drive from our Winery Estate Vineyard, but produces fruit of such individual intensity and power that we created a wine that captures the character of this special vineyard site. This Bordeaux-inspired estate red is crafted of Cabernet, Merlot and Malbec, and is held back an additional year in bottle to ensure that it is perfectly integrated upon on release.

The Stick continues to evolve, and the 2018 release is inky and dark, integrated and layered, with surprisingly elegant tannins despite its tremendous size and scope. An excellent example of Howell Mountain’s textbook blue fruit character, it’s redolent with ripe blueberry, plum and blackberry, framed by distinct notes of graphite and dark chocolate. This release will only improve with bottle age.



VINEYARD

- Grown at 2300' feet of elevation on our Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard
- Acquired in 2015, along the northern summit ridge of Howell Mountain in close proximity to our Winery Estate Vineyard
- Candlestick Ridge Vineyard is composed of huge boulders and ash-white soil that is volcanic tufa (tuff), and the low nutrient base produces grapes of terrific intensity

VINTAGE

- The 2018 vintage kicked off with heavy winter rains and record rainfall
- Budbreak and bloom arrived right on time
- A cool spring and summer pushed harvest well into September & October
- Overall, the vintage was marked with exceptional quality and increased yields in the Napa Valley in general

BLEND 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 8% Malbec

HARVEST DATES 9/12/2018 - 10/9/2018

AVERAGE SUGAR 25.7° Brix

TA 5.6g/L **PH** 3.70

ALCOHOL 14.88%

BARREL AGING 18 mo. French oak; 60% new; unfiltered & unfined.

BOTTLING DATE May 2, 2020

CASES PRODUCED 273

PRICE CA SRP \$165.00