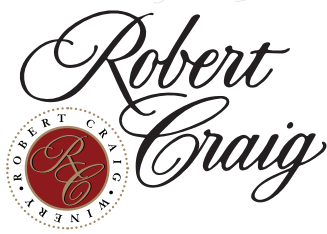


Cabernet Sauvignon  
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

## 2019 HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL

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.**



### 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

- 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.

<b>BLEND:</b> 98% Zinfandel, 2% Malbec	<b>BARREL AGING:</b> 18 months in 80% older French oak
<b>HARVEST DATES</b> 10/8/19	<b>CASES PRODUCED</b> 148
<b>AVERAGE SUGAR</b> 25.7° Brix	<b>PRICE</b> CA SRP \$65.00
<b>TA</b> 6.0g/L <b>PH</b> 3.77	
<b>ALCOHOL</b> 15.49%	