

## 2020 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CUVÉE RED WINE

It is our mission to be stewards of our tremendous vineyards while welcoming each successive generation to the wines and culture of The Craig ... without requiring a ridiculous price of entry. In this spirit, it is our pleasure to offer a limited production of the greatest \$50 wine to ever be released in the Napa Valley.

Almost every great Bordeaux estate bottles a "second label" in order to make the Grand Vin consistently sublime. Lesser lots are bottled and sold at a lower price to ensure that farming costs and overhead are taken care of with additional cash flow, even if the margins are not as appealing. At Robert Craig Winery, our two Howell Mountain vineyards, Winery Estate and Candlestick, consistently produce some of the highest quality wine grapes anywhere in the Napa Valley. We replanted a section of the Candlestick Ridge Vineyard in 2015, and these young vines are the source for our Howell Mountain Cuvée.

A higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon has found its way into this wine. Dark, deep, nuanced and supple, the 2020 HMC displays immediate Howell Mountain power in the glass with lavender, thorny fruits and mineral at the fore. It has a long life ahead in the cellar, though it will show beautifully if opened in the near term.



- Our Candlestick Ridge Vineyard along the northern summit of Howell Mountain at 2250' of
- Pure, white volcanic tufa soils provide excellent drainage while ensuring low yields and deeply flavored wine grapes

- A warm, dry winter, with rain and cold weather arriving at the end of March
- A mild spring gave the fruit set a great early start on Howell Mountain
- Summer months brought cool mornings and very warm days

BLEND: 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 2% Malbec

HARVEST DATES 9/2/20 - 9/23/20

TA 6.0 g/L

PH 3.68

ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING Aged 18 months in French Oak, 20% New

**CASES PRODUCED 1800** 

PRICE CA SRP \$50.00