

Cabernet Sauvignon  
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

## 2018 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CÔTE DE CRAIG

Robert Craig Winery's homage to the great Syrah & Grenache-based wines of the "Roasted Slope" or Côte-Rotie in the Rhône Valley. The 2018 vintage leads with Grenache, at 68% of the blend. There is not a more perfect place in California to grow Syrah and Grenache than the summit of Howell Mountain.

The rocky soils that gather heat from the high altitude sunlight and retain warmth through the evening, coupled with lower daytime temperatures than on the valley floor, make for extended hang time, ripe tannins, classic structure and explosive flavors.

**The 2018 is firing on all cylinders right out of the gate, and while more round and voluptuous in its youth, it's no less age worthy and no less rare. The ability of the Côte de Craig to improve with cellar time is clearly evidenced by anyone who has tasted the 2017 or 2017 vintages lately. The wine is simply sublime.**



### VINEYARDS

- Grown at 2300' feet of elevation on our Candlestick Ridge 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)
- Low nutrient base produces grapes of terrific intensity while ensuring low yields and deeply flavored wine grapes

### 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
- With several pruning passes to ensure fruit intensity, from mountain to valley vineyards throughout Napa, quality was very good

**BLEND** 68% Grenache, 32% Syrah

**HARVEST DATES** 9/21/2018

**AVERAGE SUGAR** 25.5° Brix

**TA** 5.4g/L

**PH** 3.75

**ALCOHOL** 14.8%

**BARREL AGING** 18 months in French oak, 45% new

**CASES PRODUCED** 242

**PRICE** CA SRP \$118.00