

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2019 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, Malbec and Petit Verdot, and is held back an additional year in bottle to ensure that it is perfectly integrated upon release.

This is simply a tour-de-force Howell Mountain red wine — giant in scale without losing its Craig polish or precision. The explosive, black mountain fruit is coupled with an exuberant bouquet of exotic floral and mineral notes. This marks our first year in partnership with Pete Richmond and Silverado Farming Company for vineyard management, and the attention to detail has been well worth the additional expense.



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 2019 vintage was close to perfection on Candlestick, featuring a long, moderate growing season where the low-yield clusters progressed in ideal fashion
- The growing season was long and even without major heat spikes during the harvest, so color development was maximize
- Yields were down and several passes to drop fruit resulted in explosive flavors in the berries
- Tannins were high, though ripe and round

BLEND 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 9% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot

HARVEST DATES 9/13/19 - 10/17/19

AVERAGE SUGAR 25.1° Brix

TA 5.7g/L **PH** 3.72

ALCOHOL 14.62%

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

BOTTLING DATE 4/27/21

CASES PRODUCED 298

PRICE CA SRP \$165.00