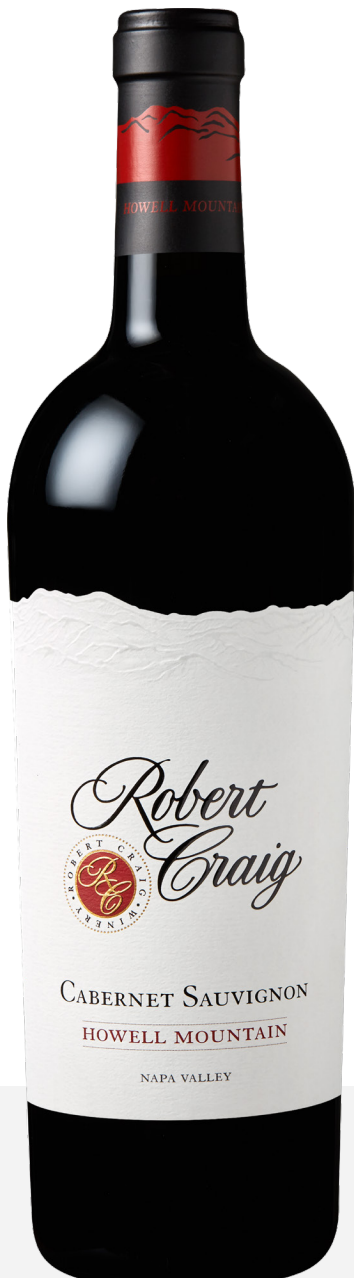


Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2021 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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 minuscule yields of nearly one ton per acre on our Howell Mountain Estate and Candlestick Ridge vineyards led to historic skin-to-juice ratios that provided wines of exceptional color and depth, even by Howell Mountain standards. Despite the size and the towering tannin structure, our Howell Mountain Cabernet retains its nerve, energy and lift. This is not an overripe clodhopper, rather it's a wine that sings a Bordeaux song (if Bordeaux had mountains composed of volcanic soils, that is). Enjoy this rarity with a good decant at a cool temperature or let it sleep peacefully for as long as you can wait in the cellar.

Upon release, the vibrant, primary mass of dark fruits in the nose and mouth have pulled back to reveal the class and nuance that make this wine one of the Napa Valley's very best reds each year. Crushed red rocks, dark thorny vine fruits, cassis and mountain wildflowers all pour from the glass

VINEYARDS

Winery Estate Vineyard

- Planted in 1997 on 110R rootstock; red volcanic & tufa soils
- Yields average a meager 1.8 tons/acre giving fruit a rare power and expression of site
- Soils are especially shallow, even for Howell Mountain

Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard

- Pure, white volcanic tufa soils provide excellent drainage while ensuring low yields and deeply flavored wine grapes

VINTAGE

- In 2021, the vines continued their recovery from the fires of 2020, a situation compounded by ongoing drought.
- Precision winemaking was crucial, especially in mountain vineyards, where yields were down a staggering 60%.
- Our vineyard management team did a masterful job managing the vineyards, ensuring the wines captured this shy-bearing vintage's undeniable charm along with its somewhat brooding dark floral qualities and opaque structure.

BLEND 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Malbec, 4% Merlot, 2% Petite Verdot

HARVEST DATES 9/3/2021-9/13/2021

TA 6.0g/L **PH** 3.73

ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING 18 months in 65% new French oak. Unfiltered & unfined.

BOTTLING DATE 5/24/23

CASES PRODUCED 1415

PRICE CA SRP \$118.00