

Cabernet Sauvignon  
ELEVATED™



ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

## 2021 HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL



This gorgeous Zinfandel hails from the incredible Black Sears Vineyard, found—quite literally if you’ve got a good arm—a stone’s throw from our estate vineyard gate at the top of Howell Mountain. This biodynamic, dry-farmed vineyard’s head-trained vines were planted in the mid 1970s, and they continue to mark time and the change of seasons at the top of Howell Mountain.

**Our 2021 Black Sears Vineyard Zinfandel is a beguiling wine of impeccable balance, power and length. The short crop in a drought year means that the white pepper and red, volcanic stone accents are woven deeply into the exotic, dark fruit. This Zinfandel displays loads of terroir maybe more-so than any other wine in the vintage, and it’s incredibly versatile with food. It sings with grilled fish, grilled meat, pasta, cheeses, burgers and pizza.**

### 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

- 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, capturing this shy-bearing vintage’s undeniable charm along with its somewhat brooding dark floral qualities and opaque structure.

BLEND 100% Zinfandel

HARVEST DATES 9/14/2021

AVERAGE SUGAR 25.7° Brix

TA 6.5g/L PH 3.70

ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING: 18 months in  
25% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE 5/22/2023

CASES PRODUCED 140

PRICE CA SRP \$75.00