

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2021 MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Mount Veeder AVA sits roughly halfway up the west side of the Napa Valley in the Mayacamas mountain range. The cabernet that emanates from the rough, rocky Veeder soils share a common trait: power. Amentet Estate Vineyard—our little hanging garden that salutes the fair Egyptian goddess of rebirth—has reached maturity along the northern border of the Mount Veeder AVA. We started our cane-pruned, organically farmed journey on Mount Veeder with Phil Coturri and Enterprise Vineyard Management in 2019, going from 22 tons to just 9 tons of fruit. Though our production has been halved, it's been well worth it. What a wine the 2021 turned out to be.

Our Mount Veeder 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is savage, black and untamed with a searing sense of the blue shale soils with chalky, white fossilized marine material that surged up off of the ocean floor five million years ago. Look for dark floral tones, graphite, conifer forest floor and explosive dark cassis fruit in its core. The wine is such a child of Mount Veeder that it's hard to miss in a blind tasting.



AMENTET ESTATE VINEYARD

- Adjacent to the Pym Rae vineyard, Amentet reaches 1700' on Mount Veeder
- Sandy, gravel-based soils of shale with a sandstone topsoil produce wines that are black in color with very low PH values and naturally high acids: a perfect combination for longevity
- The beauty of this warmer, fog-free northern section of Mount Veeder is that the wines are free of any unwanted vegetal or rustic characteristics that can affect cooler climate sites to the south

BLEND 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec

HARVEST DATES 9/3/21-9/13/21

AVERAGE SUGAR 24.9° Brix

TA 6.0g/L **PH** 3.73

ALCOHOL 14.8%

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.

BARREL AGING 18 months in French oak; 65% new/10% 2nd year. Unfiltered & unfinned.

BOTTLING DATE 5/24/24

CASES PRODUCED 2287

PRICE CA SRP \$118.00