

Cabernet Sauvignon
ELEVATED™



ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2022 AFFINITY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2022 vintage of Affinity Cabernet Sauvignon is marked by an increase in power and complexity over more forward-fruit driven wines from Southern Napa in previous vintages. For this vintage, we looked to our mountain estate vineyards on Howell Mountain and Mount Veeder to provide the backbone of the wine, rounded out by a handful of talented Napa Valley growers who have long contributed to this mountain and hillside sourced Bordeaux blend. We continue to produce a wine that is powerful and ageworthy, yet supple enough to be enjoyed upon release. More so than ever, Affinity provides savvy Craig lovers with a Napa Valley icon at a tremendous price point.

The mineral, graphite and black thorny-vine fruits are all on full display in this mountain sourced wine. The tiny clusters that proliferated in 2022 at high elevations in the Napa Valley provide strength and structure in this deeply colored Bordeaux blend. A more judicious use of new French Oak helps the dark fruit to pour from the glass and extend on the palate.



ESTATE VINEYARDS

Howell Mountain:

- Winery Estate Vineyard: Yields average 1.8 tons/acre giving fruit power and expression of site.
- Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard: Pure, white volcanic tufa soils provide excellent drainage while ensuring low yields and deeply flavored wine grapes

Mount Veeder:

- Amentet Estate Vineyard: Sandy, gravel-based soils of shale with sandstone topsoil produce wines that are black in color with very low PH values and naturally high acids.

VINTAGE

- A historically cold start to the season warmed into a tremendous vintage marred only by a significant heat spike in early September.
- Late pruning, designed to keep the bunches in adolescence for just such early summer heat events, proved key in protecting the fruit from the high heat around Labor Day.
- 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 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec, 8% Merlot, 2% Petite Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES Sept. 9 - Oct. 10, 2022

TA 6.0g/L **PH** 3.69

ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING 18 months French oak; 55% new. Unfiltered & unfinned.

BOTTLING DATES May 24-25, 2024

CASES PRODUCED 3100

PRICE CA SRP \$76.00