Cabernet Sauvignon
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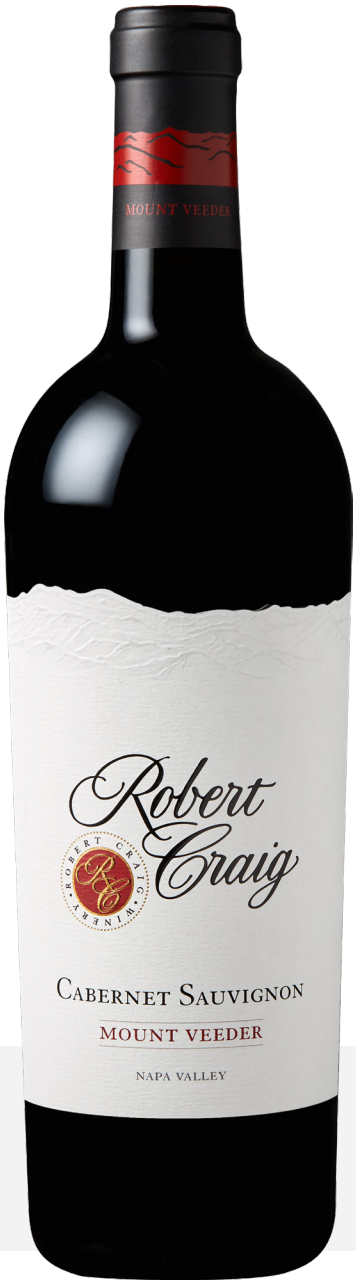
Robert Craig Winery

2022 MOUNT VEEDER
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



The Mount Veeder AVA rests roughly halfway up the west side of the Napa Valley in the Mayacamas mountain range. Our red wines that emanate from the porous, rocky soils there, composed of fossilized marine sediment, sandstone and shale, share the common characteristics of power, suppleness and longevity. Amentet Estate Vineyard—our 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, a partnership that has resulted in lower yields but in tremendous intensity of color and flavor in the grape clusters. Though our production has been halved, making this offering even more scarce, the brute quality of our Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon has been worth the sacrifice.

This Cabernet Sauvignon from Amentet Estate Vineyard is towering, black and untamed with a direct sense of the 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. Planted on 110R rootstock to Clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon.
- Sandy, gravel-based soils of shale with a sandstone topsoil produce wines that are black in color with low PH values, significant tannins, and naturally high acids: a perfect combination for longevity.
- The beauty of this (relatively) 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.

VINTAGE

- In 2022 the vines welcomed the late heat spike in September after a cool, damp start to the vintage. Cabernet ripened evenly through the vintage and there is a pronounced sense of freshness and vitality that pervades the 2022 edition of our Amentet reds.
- Precision winemaking and farming were crucial, especially in mountain vineyards, where intermittent heat and cold spells made picking and management decisions complex.
- Phil and his team married their efforts with Jason Price and our production crew to produce a remarkable wine in a fine vintage on Mount Veeder.

BLEND 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

HARVEST DATES 9/9/2022 & 9/15/2022

PH 3.70 | TA 6.4g/L

ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING 18 months in French oak; 70% new/30% 2nd year. Unfiltered & unfined.

BOTTLING DATE May 2024

CASES PRODUCED 414

PRICE CA SRP $118.00

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