Cabernet Sauvignon
ELEVATED™

Robert Craig Winery

2023 CHARDONNAY

GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD

Though we are known as a Cabernet house here at Robert Craig Winery, our single vineyard Chardonnay exemplifies our guiding philosophies as a producer: farming for intensity, minimal intervention in the winery, structure, and longevity. Our Gap's Crown Vineyard Chardonnay is without peer when it comes to vineyard site display in the finished wine. We are able to obtain enough fruit each year to produce a scant 300 cases of this linear, racy, mineral-laden Chardonnay from the top of the Petaluma Gap.

The 2023 vintage on the Sonoma Coast was a cool one for the record books. Meticulous farming was key to avoiding problems from the cool damp spring and early summer. Jason, Yordanos and Carley worked with care on the wine to allow the explosive mineral and citrus components to rise to the top from the fossilized marine life that comprises the vineyard soils. A kiss of new French oak following fermentation in neutral barrels helped preserve complexity and nuance in the winery. Our Chardonnay, year in and year out, is one of the few California white wines to display such a stony personality.

VINEYARD

- Gap's Crown Vineyard is situated on the southern end of Sonoma Mountain, sitting at the "crown" of the hillside at 300-900' elevation.
- The 137-acre hillside vineyard has extremely stony soils and low yields.
- Known as "The Petaluma Gap," this area is a fog and breeze pocket unique in the Sonoma Coast.
- Cool temperatures, low pH values and high natural acidity produce wines of truly stunning vibrancy year after year.

BLEND 100% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATES October 14, 2023

TA 7.3 g/L

PH 3.46

ALCOHOL 13.5%

AGING 7 months in 15% New French oak, 50% used French oak and 25% stainless steel drums.

BOTTLING DATE May 2024

CASES PRODUCED 308

PRICE CA SRP $58.00

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