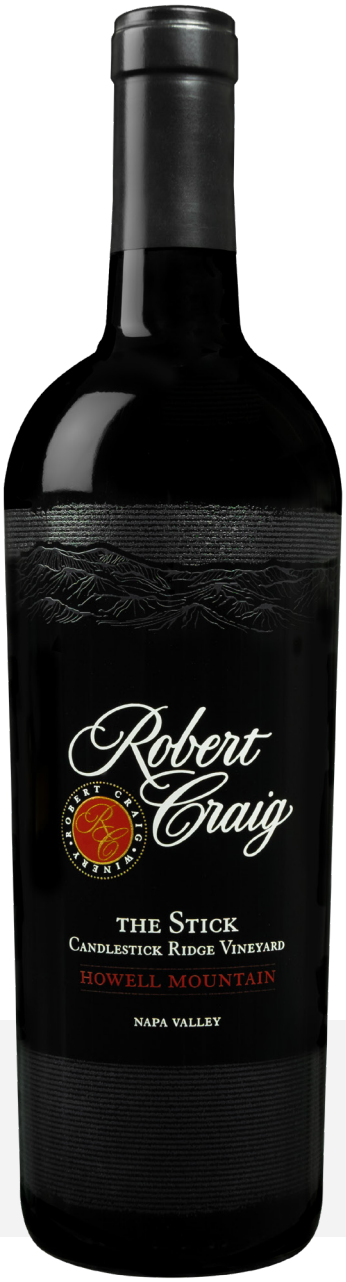
Robert Craig Winery

Cabernet Sauvignon
ELEVATED™

2021 THE STICK

CANDLESTICK RIDGE VINEYARD



"The Stick" is our homage to Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard perched on Howell Mountain's north summit at 2300'. The site is less than 500 yards as the crow flys from our Winery Estate Vineyard, but it produces fruit of such individual intensity and power that we created a wine that captures the character of this special vineyard site. This Bordeaux-inspired estate red is crafted primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon and includes Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. The Stick is released with an additional year in bottle to ensure that it is perfectly integrated upon on release.

This is simply a tour-de-force Howell Mountain red wine — giant in scale without losing its Craig polish or precision. The explosive, black mountain fruit is coupled with an exuberant bouquet of exotic floral and mineral notes. This marks our third year in partnership with Pete Richmond and Silverado Farming Company for vineyard management, and the attention to detail coupled with organic (certified) practices have produced grapes with nerve and vibrancy displaying the spare volcanic soils.

VINEYARD

- Grown at 2300' feet of elevation on our Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard
- Acquired in 2015, along the northern summit ridge of Howell Mountain in close proximity to our Winery Estate Vineyard
- Candlestick Ridge Vineyard is composed of huge boulders and ash-white soil that is volcanic tufa (tuff), and the low nutrient base produces grapes of terrific intensity

VINTAGE

- The 2021 vintage was marked by drought following the extreme stress from the 2020 fires. The yields were historically small at nearly one ton per acre, and the resulting wines are dark black, structured and inward looking while young.
- The growing season was long and even with short-lived heat spikes during the harvest that helped, the late-developing fruit achieve deep color and maximum flavor
- Yields were historically down and several passes to drop fruit resulted in explosive flavors in the few remaining bunches. Truly 2021 was a vintage for the ages.

BLEND 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 7% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

HARVEST DATES 9/10/21

TA 6.1g/L PH 3.7

ALCOHOL 14.7%

BARREL AGING 9 mo. French oak 20% new/80% 10-year-old; unfiltered & unfined

BOTTLING DATE May 2023

CASES PRODUCED 215

PRICE CA SRP $165.00

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