Cabernet Sauvignon
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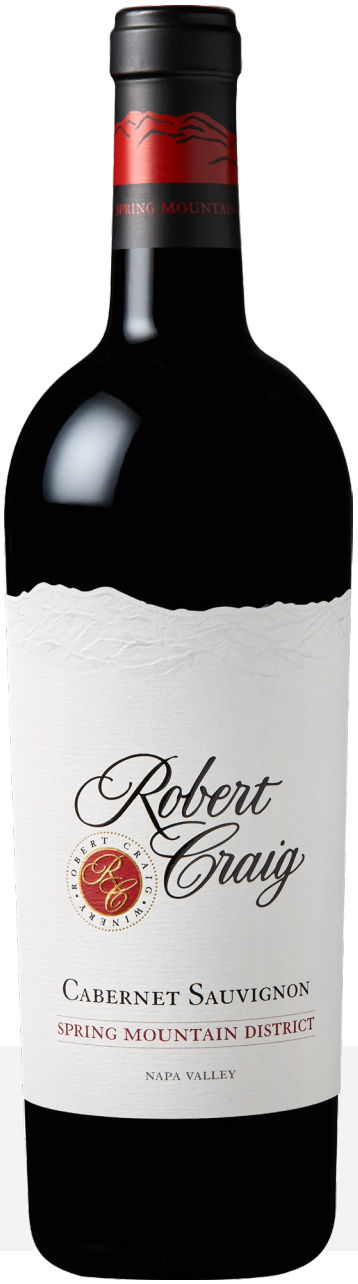
Robert Craig Winery

2023 SPRING MOUNTAIN
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



"Terroir" is the much-overused, and just as frequently misunderstood, French term for a sense of place in wine; the vineyard site in concert with human intention and management of that site that establishes a wine's unique identity. It is the perfect concept to describe the qualities of our Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon from Joan Crowley's small vineyard. At 2000' along the summit of Spring Mountain, the Crowley Vineyard property requires patience and attention to detail in management in order to produce world class Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep color and the intense perfume of dark mountain flowers are the signature of this wine each year, and we are fortunate to obtain a tiny amount of this exquisite fruit to create a wine with great weight, structure and velvety texture. 2023 was an exceptional vintage for the fruit on Crowley Vineyard. The cold winter turned into a cool spring followed by a cool growing season and even cooler temperatures at harvest. We pressed these lots off in the winery just prior to Thanksgiving, which is very late.

The extended hang time coupled with terrific structure and energy from the remarkably cool vintage add a vitality to our 2023 Spring Mountain District Cabernet that is distinct and exquisite. The cool, conifer forest scents and deep blue fruit tones are wrapped in wonderfully ripe tannins and bolstered by a refreshing snap of bright mountain acidity. This is a wine that demands a second glass and certainly will be long lived in the cellar.

CROWLEY VINEYARD

- At 2000' Elevation, the Biodynamically-farmed Crowley Vineyard is a perfect fit for our mountain Cabernet portfolio.
- Overlooking St. Helena, this vineyard's rocky volcanic soil, varied hillside exposures and moderate climate produce densely concentrated winegrapes.
- The mountain is cooled by afternoon breezes from the nearby Pacific Ocean, creating moderate daytime temperatures and cooler nights that allow grapes to ripen slowly without pushing high alcohol and sugars.

VINTAGE

- 2023 was a slow-ripening, cool vintage with long hang time and extended skin contact post harvest.
- The primary challenge for the vineyard team was to encourage the fruit to optimal ripeness after a cold start to the growing season, followed by a cool summer.
- Farming organically is always a challenge in cool damp years, so attention to detail was crucial to keep any mildew from attacking the small clusters.
- The 2023 Spring Mountain District Cabernet is more reminiscent of fine, Left-Bank Bordeaux than typical Napa Valley fruit-forward wine

BLEND 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST DATES 10/14/2023

PH 3.60 | TA 6.7g/L

ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING 18 months in French oak; 80% new.

BOTTLING DATE May 2025

CASES PRODUCED 366

PRICE CA SRP $118.00

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