

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2013 MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ABOUT THIS WINE Mount Veeder rests roughly halfway up the west side of the Napa Valley in the Mayacamas mountain range. The wines that emanate from the rough, rocky soils share the common trait of power. Robert Craig Winery has a special connection to Mount Veeder as Bob Craig played a key role in the founding of the AVA. Despite the intense tannin and acid structure of our Mount Veeder cabernet, the abundance of deep, black fruit helps to keep the wine in balance over decades in the cellar. Our 2013 Mount Veeder Cabernet is without doubt one of the most intense, dark and brooding wines we have yet produced.

VINEYARD Bob Craig consulted on the development of the late Robin Williams' 19-acre Pym Rae vineyard in 1990 and, since then, we have received the majority of the fruit from this terrific property. The vineyard is one of the highest in the AVA, topping out at over 1800' in elevation with a distinctive blue shale subsoil and shallow, sandstone topsoil. The vines are mature which translates the soils and minerals straight into the finished wines. The sparse yields of less than 2.4 tons an acre make for dense wines that are expressive of the vineyard site.

VINTAGE Without doubt the 2013 vintage is one of the finest in recent memory and possibly one of the finest in the history of winegrowing in the Napa Valley. Only time will tell. Whereas the 2012 and 2013 vintages were marked with large yield increases on valley floor vineyards in Napa, our hillside and mountain properties were actually less abundant than average in overall tons. Along with terrific color and density in the 2013 wines, the acid and tannin structure were also exceptional making for wines that are balanced and layered without being overripe or fat.

The 2013 is especially dark and brooding, exhibiting the unique Mount Veeder terroir in its rich palette of black fruits and fine-grained tannins. Alluring black raspberry, blueberry and floral tones offset sweet tannins and a weighty, full-bodied opulence.

BLEND: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot

HARVEST DATES: October 7-18, 2013

AVERAGE SUGAR: 25.9° Brix | **TA:** 5.8g/L | **PH:** 3.70 | **ALCOHOL:** 15%

BARREL AGING: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak; 80% new & 20% 2nd year. Unfiltered and unfined.

BOTTLING DATE: April 29, 2015

CASES PRODUCED: 1000

PRICE: CA SRP \$80.00

