

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2016 CÔTE DE CRAIG SYRAH/GRENACHE

ABOUT THIS WINE A 60/40 blend of Syrah and Grenache, this second vintage of Côte de Craig is sourced from our new Candlestick Ridge Estate Vineyard. As our homage to the tremendous Rhône Valley Côte Rotie wines from the South of France, this wine is powerful, deep, perfumed and structured. We held on to the 2016 release a bit longer than the previous vintage, to give it additional time in bottle here in our cellar. Patience will be rewarded ...

VINEYARD Situated on the north end of the Howell Mountain summit cap at 2,250' of elevation, this 26-acre vineyard, first planted in 1950, rests on a plateau overlooking the southeast face of Mount St Helena and the whole of Pope Valley. Replanted by Duckhorn Winery in 1998 to primarily Bordeaux varieties on varying rootstocks, the Candlestick Vineyard produces wines that are dense, dark and explosive with flavor. The pure white volcanic ash and Tufa soils are poor and well drained leading to low yields and intensely flavored berries. The Candlestick Ridge Vineyard is not only one of the greatest vineyard sites on Howell Mountain, it is truly singular in the world.

VINTAGE 2016 in Napa Valley was considered an "exceptional vintage," with ideal growing conditions, moderate yields and superb wine quality. The early, moderate weather and lack of significant heat events made for one of the best quality vintages of recent memory. Compared to the previous four vintages, 2016 saw wetter spring soil conditions, requiring careful canopy maintenance. Yields were moderate to below average going into harvest. Varietal character and depth in the fruit was excellent.

BLEND: 60% Syrah, 40% Grenache

HARVEST DATES: September 22, 2015

AVERAGE SUGAR: 25.1° Brix | **TA:** 5.6g/L | **PH:** 3.82 | **ALCOHOL:** 15.06%

BARREL AGING: 18 mo. French oak; 75% new. Unfiltered & unfinned.

BOTTLING DATE: May 3, 2018

CASES PRODUCED: 95

PRICE: CA SRP \$90.00

