

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2016 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.

VINEYARD After 22 years sourcing our Veeder Cabernet from the Pym Rae Vineyard, the 2016 is our first bottling from our new estate vineyard—newly christened “Amentet Vineyard”—which abuts the Pym Rae property on Mount Veeder. Amentet reaches 1700’ on Mount Veeder. The sandy, gravel-based soils of shale with a sandstone topsoil produce wines that are black in color with very low PH values and naturally high acids. A perfect combination for longevity. The beauty of this warmer, fog-free northern section of Mount Veeder is that the wines are free of any unwanted vegetal or rustic characteristics that can affect cooler climate sites to the south.

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. Tannin quantity was overall slightly low, but tannin quality is excellent.

Our 2016 Mount Veeder offering is a towering wine of tremendous tannin structure coupled with dense color. Classic Mount Veeder markers are present in force; dried cocoa, pencil shaving, cassis, and mountain violet are woven into this tightly wound wine. The 2016 Mount Veeder will cellar comfortably for decades yet should start to show well as soon as 2020.

BLEND: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot

HARVEST DATES: September 25 - October 8, 2016

AVERAGE SUGAR: 25.3° Brix | **TA:** 6.4g/L | **PH:** 3.63 | **ALCOHOL:** 14.8%

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

BOTTLING DATE: April 30, 2018

CASES PRODUCED: 458 | **PRICE:** CA SRP \$100.00

