

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2016 HOWELL MOUNTAIN MERLOT

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

KEY POINTS

- Fruit is sourced from our Winery Estate & Candlestick Ridge estate vineyards at the summit of Howell Mountain.
- Both offer elevations of over 2300 feet.
- With yields of less than two tons per acre, the sparse red volcanic and tufa soil produce beautifully concentrated Merlot.
- Grown on the sparse, rocky soils of Howell Mountain, Merlot develops dense mouthfeel deep color, tremendous flesh and powerful structure.

2016 VINTAGE NOTES

- 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.

HARVEST DATES: September 29, 2016

AVERAGE SUGAR: 25.8° Brix | TA: 6.1g/L | PH: 3.76 | ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BARREL AGING: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak; 50% new. Unfiltered and unfined.

BOTTLING DATE: May 1, 2018

CASES PRODUCED: 146

PRICE: CA SRP \$90.00

