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2017 Robert Craig Winery Cabernet Sauvignon The Stick

A new wine (it's the first time I've tasted it, anyway) the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon The Stick checks in as a mix of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc, all from the Candlestick Ridge Vineyard on Howell Mountain. It's similar to the Howell Mountain cuvée and has brilliant purity and elegance as well as textbook blue fruits, sappy herbs, pine forest, graphite, and violet-tinged aromas and flavors. Pure, balanced, and full-bodied on the palate, it's a head-turner and one rock-solid 2017.

- Jeb Dunnuck (1/31/2020)

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