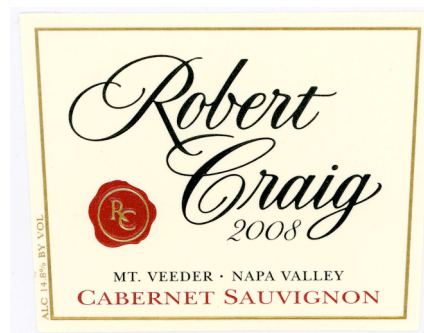


2008
Mt. Veeder
Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon

Blend: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Merlot, 3% Malbec

Total Production: 846 cases



WINEMAKER NOTES When Robert Craig first came to Napa Valley in the late 1970's, he headed to Mt. Veeder in the southwestern Mayacamas range. There he spent the next 12 years learning about mountain vineyards and came to regard Mt. Veeder one of the premiere Appellations for world-class Cabernet Sauvignons. His first Mt. Veeder Cabernet was made in 1993. Fifteen vintages later, the 2008 offering is a classic mountain Cabernet, brimming with deep black fruit and balanced by round, supple tannins and bright acidity that offer the structure for long-term aging.

VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS This single-vineyard source that Robert Craig helped to plant in 1990 is located at 1800 feet along the mountain's summit. The steep contours of this 26-acre site offer quintessential Mt. Veeder terrain with multiple hillside exposures and changes in elevation. The resulting microclimates create varied weather patterns which influence grape development and ripening. The well-drained sandstone and blue shale soils provide an ideal foundation for growing small, concentrated berries.

TASTING NOTES *Aroma:* A heady perfume of deep black plum, currant, cocoa and cassis, enlivened by Bordeaux-style notes of graphite, tobacco and cedar. *Flavors:* A formidable entry of Mt. Veeder black fruit, sweet cassis, currant and cocoa powder flows across the palate, underlain with pencil lead, lively mineral notes, and a hint of burning embers. *Finish:* A huge, persistent core of deep black cherry and berry powers through the finish, bolstered by fine-grained mountain tannins and enlivened by bracing acidity. *General:* Full-bodied and tightly wound, this age-worthy mountain Cabernet is built for 20+ years of enjoyment. Decanting recommended.

WINE INFORMATION *Harvest dates:* September 9 – October 9
Average sugar: 26.1° Brix
TA: .60; *pH:* 3.72; *Alcohol:* 14.8%
Barrel Aging: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak, 70% new.
Unfiltered and unfined.
Bottling Date: May 2010
Price: California suggested retail price is \$70 per bottle.
Release Date: September 2011