



2008 Robert Craig Mt. George • Napa Valley Cuvee

Blend: 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot
Only 240 cases produced

Winemaker Notes

The best “Quality-Price Ratio” (QPR) is what everyone’s looking for these days in a Napa Valley Cabernet – one that doesn’t break the bank while delivering great aromas, flavors, and texture. The answer is our 2008 Mt. George Cuvee, a Left-Bank inspired Cabernet blend that comes from the same estate vineyard used for Affinity, our flagship Bordeaux-style Cabernet.

We take the choice lots remaining after the Affinity blend is complete, age them in French oak for 9 months for added texture, refinement and complexity, then craft a tasty combo that’s ready to drink now. Each year, the Cuvee varies according to the blending program. The 2008 vintage is full-bodied, supple and lively. Arguably one of Napa Valley’s best \$30 Cabernets, this is our “Mon-Thurs wine,” to be enjoyed with friends and family – the perfect choice for all occasions.

Vineyard Characteristics

Our estate vineyard is located to the south of the Stag’s Leap district in the southeastern Mt. George foothills of Napa Valley. This area produces a Cabernet that is similar to the Left Bank region of Bordeaux – yet is very unique in its own right. The gravely, well-drained soils and moderate climate are ideal for growing the classic Bordeaux varietals, giving us small, intensely flavored berries.

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Displays a complex, inviting mélange of dark red currant, cassis and roasted coffee with touches of lavender and anise. *Flavors:* Lively, fresh red cherry and cassis are intermingled with espresso, red plum, warm spice and dried lavender. *Finish:* Sweet tannins balance nicely with fresh fruit flavors through the rich, full-bodied finish.

Wine Information

Harvest dates: Sept. 23 – Oct. 28
Average sugar: 24.7° Brix
TA: .57
pH: 3.83
Alcohol: 14.1%
Barrel Aging: 9 months in Chateau-style French oak
Bottling Date: July 2009
Price: California suggested retail price is \$30.00 per bottle.
Release Date: April 2010