



## ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

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Robert Craig celebrates more than three decades as a Napa Valley “mountain man,” producing distinctive Cabernet Sauvignons from vineyards in the highest, most remote reaches of the Valley.

He has been a pioneer in Napa Valley mountain vineyards and a visionary in creating a new wine style for mountain Cabernets that emphasizes ripe fruit, supple tannins, and early balance and integration.



During the 1980's, Bob developed over 300 acres of vineyards on Mt. Veeder and served as general manager of the Hess Collection Winery. Along the way, he spearheaded the campaign to have Mt. Veeder designated as a special appellation district in 1990 and consulted on the Spring Mountain Appellation.

These new appellations located at Napa Valley's highest elevations reinforced the importance of "terroir" in producing wines with a sense of place.

The opportunity to start his own winery in 1992 with three long-time friends was the realization of a long-held dream to hand-craft small quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon from great mountain appellations of Napa Valley.

His first Cabernet Sauvignon was produced in 1992 and the first vintage of Howell Mountain and Mt. Veeder Cabernets was 1993 . When these wines debuted in 1995, Robert Craig was selected as a “hot new winery” by The Wine Spectator. Fifteen vintages later, the same publication named Robert Craig a consistent Top 50 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon producer.

In 2002, the Craig family completed a state-of- the-art winery located at nearly 2300 feet along the summit of Howell Mountain. The winery serves as the production center for our four Cabernets: Affinity, Howell Mountain, Mt. Veeder and Spring Mountain, as well as Durell Vineyard Chardonnay and Black Sears Zinfandel.

After 30+ years of mountain magic, Bob continues to evolve his winemaking style with consulting winemaker **Keith Emerson** and winemaker **Stephen Tebb**.

Recent vintages have been lauded for their remarkable concentration, balance and complexity, continuing the hallmarks that have characterized Robert Craig wines since 1992.