



2001 Robert Craig

Affinity

Napa Valley • Cabernet Sauvignon
Bordeaux-Style Blend

Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

Total Production: 3400 cases

Winemaker Notes

The 2001 Robert Craig *Affinity* is a wonderfully rich and powerful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc from premier Napa Valley vineyards. The 2001 vintage has produced quintessential dark, complex flavors and round, ripe tannins that are the hallmark of this Bordeaux-style blend.

Affinity offers a Cabernet-lover's tour of the best that Napa Valley floor fruit can offer, combining winegrapes from our estate vineyard in the Coombsville region, with exceptional Cabernet, Merlot and Cabernet Franc grapes from Rutherford, Oakville and Carneros vineyard sources. The result is a full-bodied yet elegant Cabernet, offering multi-tiered layers of flavors.

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Forward bouquet of black fruit and rich cherry, interlaced with mocha, sweet herbs (sage), toffee and spice. Offers the promise of deep fruit and further complexity. *Flavors:* Central core of powerful and concentrated fruit, spreading over the palate to reveal layers of ripe blackcherry, currant, anise, and coffee. *Finish:* Delicious, long finish continues to reveal deep, mixed dark fruit and subtle oak. *General:* A complete wine – big and rich with a balance of power and finesse and a smooth, silky texture. Surprisingly integrated for a young wine.

Wine Information

Harvest dates: September 24 – October 22

Average sugar: 25.3 Brix

TA: .58

pH: 3.63

Alcohol: 14.6%

Barrel Aging: 19 months in French oak

Bottling Date: July 2003

Price: California suggested retail price is \$40.00 per bottle.

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