

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2014 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ABOUT THIS WINE Our primary mission here at Robert Craig Winery is to produce wines that feature pure site expression, and our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon bottling is no exception. Selected half from our estate vineyards, half from exceptional vineyards around the valley, we present this plush, beautifully structured wine, with the depth and power you expect from a Classic Napa Valley Cabernet.

VINEYARD The core of our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from our La Londe estate vineyard in the foothills of Mount George on the southern end of Napa Valley's Vaca mountain range. The yields here almost always fail to reach three tons per acre and the soils are unusually rocky and sparse. The vines are in their third decade of existence, and that makes for great concentration and a sense of origin in the resulting wine. Blended with select vineyard sites with which we have worked for many years, the Napa Valley Cabernet offers beautiful structural pedigree and sense of place.

VINTAGE Mother Nature has pulled off a trifecta, with 2014 equalling the 2012 and 2013 vintage in terms of quality. The moderate season saw no major heat spikes and very little rain threat during harvest. Fruit ripened slightly earlier than normal, allowing us to harvest early for perfect phenological development and ripeness while still at modest sugar levels with excellent acidity. Overall yields were good, with great color and tannin concentration — the best of both worlds. The 2014 wines are classically structured, with ample weight, offering a nice balance between flavor, alcohol, pH and tannin. Another great vintage in Napa Valley.

The 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is plush and powerful, filled with intriguing notes of espresso, graphite, fresh cherry, nutmeg and oak. With the class and structure to age for many years, this Cabernet Sauvignon will also show beautifully in its youth due to the addition of merlot, petit verdot, malbec and cabernet franc. We would recommend 30 plus minutes in a decanter should you prefer to enjoy it immediately.

BLEND: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petite Verdot, 8% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES: September 9 - October 14, 2014

AVERAGE SUGAR: 24.5° Brix | **TA:** 6.5g/L | **PH:** 3.58 | **ALCOHOL:** 14.0%

BARREL AGING: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak; 40% new .
Unfiltered and unfined.

BOTTLING DATE: May 2, 2016

CASES PRODUCED: 2366

PRICE: CA SRP \$52.00

