

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2015 LA FLEUR CRAIG ROSÉ WINE

ABOUT THIS WINE Robert Craig fans wait (im)patiently each spring for the release of La Fleur Craig. And for good reason. Our 2015 release is incredibly juicy and refreshing. We've distilled the essence of Grenache grapes from our own estate vineyard at the top of Howell Mountain into a refreshing, deeply delicious wine that is evocative of the crisp, elegant Rosés from the Bandol region of Provence. Just 140 cases were made.

VINEYARD This vintage of La Fleur was produced from a small block of Grenache on our 9.5-acre estate vineyard, perched along the summit ridge of Howell Mountain at 2300'. The Howell Mountain AVA begins at 1400 feet and includes vineyards that sit above the inversion layer and fog line. Of all of the vineyards we own and manage, the variation in soils and microclimates within this small property make it the most challenging to farm. The yields are on average a meager 1.8 tons to the acre, but the fruit possesses a rare power and expression of site. Soils are especially shallow, even for Howell Mountain, and the vines must work through the rocky soils to seek moisture.

VINTAGE After three abundant, mild harvests in a row, the 2015 kicked off with unseasonably warm temperatures, resulting in early budbreak and bloom. Colder temperatures in May (the peak of bloom) caused some uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in a smaller crop compared to previous years. Harvest was one of the earliest on record on the valley floor. The ongoing drought continued to be a concern, though Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall. In mid-September - in fact the day of our annual Harvest Party on Howell Mountain - a devastating fire broke out in nearby Lake County. Though our vineyard was not affected, we grieved along with our neighbors the loss of life and property.

COMPOSITION: 100% Grenache

CASES PRODUCED: 120

PRICE: CA SRP \$26.00

