



2007 Robert Craig

Affinity

Napa Valley • Cabernet Sauvignon
Bordeaux-Style

Blend: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec
Total Production: 5700 cases

Winemaker Notes

Elegance and power define this signature Bordeaux-style Cabernet from the Napa Valley foothills. This year's blend remains predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon, with more Petit Verdot added for deep, concentrated flavors and a touch of Malbec introduced for further weight, complimented by silky Merlot and Cabernet Franc spice. The result is a richly inviting, voluptuous wine offering complex layers of flavors, velvety tannins and great balance and structure for aging.

Vineyard Sources

This year's Affinity continues the tradition established by Robert Craig in 1993 of crafting a standout Cabernet blend that is a worthy addition to top restaurant wine lists and private cellar collections. The foundation is his estate vineyard and an adjoining property to the south of Stag's Leap, in the southeastern foothills of Mt. George. The rocky soils and Bordeaux-like growing conditions produce distinctive black-red Cabernet fruit with hints of currants and violets. The fruit is hand-picked in small lots, each of which is kept separate during fermentation and barrel aging before the final blend.

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Open, inviting perfume of dark black fruit blossoms in the glass, underlain with sweet cassis and lovely touches of blueberry, violets, roasted coffee and spicy oak. **Flavors:** An abundance of rich, deep black and blue fruit wraps around a core of polished tannins, intermixed with black currant, dark cocoa and spice. **Finish:** A continuum of luscious flavors carries forward through the generous finish, enlivened by crisp acidity and mineral notes. **General:** A rich, multi-layered Cabernet that balances power with finesse.

Wine Information

Harvest dates: September 20 – October 25

Average sugar: 25.6 Brix

TA: .60

pH: 3.87

Alcohol: 14.5%

Barrel Aging: 16 months in French oak; unfinned and unfiltered

Bottling Date: April 2009

Release Date: March 2010

Price: California suggested retail price is \$48.00 per bottle.