



## 2008 Robert Craig Mt. George • Napa Valley Cuvee

*Blend:* 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot  
Only 240 cases produced

### Winemaker Notes

The best “Quality-Price Ratio” (QPR) is what everyone’s looking for these days in a Napa Valley Cabernet – one that doesn’t break the bank while delivering great aromas, flavors, and texture. The answer is our 2008 Mt. George Cuvee, a Left-Bank inspired Cabernet blend that comes from the same estate vineyard used for Affinity, our flagship Bordeaux-style Cabernet.

We take the choice lots remaining after the Affinity blend is complete, age them in French oak for 9 months for added texture, refinement and complexity, then craft a tasty combo that’s ready to drink now. Each year, the Cuvee varies according to the blending program. The 2008 vintage is full-bodied, supple and lively. Arguably one of Napa Valley’s best \$30 Cabernets, this is our “Mon-Thurs wine,” to be enjoyed with friends and family – the perfect choice for all occasions.

### Vineyard Characteristics

Our estate vineyard is located to the south of the Stag’s Leap district in the southeastern Mt. George foothills of Napa Valley. This area produces a Cabernet that is similar to the Left Bank region of Bordeaux – yet is very unique in its own right. The gravely, well-drained soils and moderate climate are ideal for growing the classic Bordeaux varietals, giving us small, intensely flavored berries.

### Tasting Notes

*Aroma:* Displays a complex, inviting mélange of dark red currant, cassis and roasted coffee with touches of lavender and anise. *Flavors:* Lively, fresh red cherry and cassis are intermingled with espresso, red plum, warm spice and dried lavender. *Finish:* Sweet tannins balance nicely with fresh fruit flavors through the rich, full-bodied finish.

### Wine Information

*Harvest dates:* Sept. 23 – Oct. 28  
*Average sugar:* 24.7° Brix  
*TA:* .57  
*pH:* 3.83  
*Alcohol:* 14.1%  
*Barrel Aging:* 9 months in Chateau-style French oak  
*Bottling Date:* July 2009  
*Price:* California suggested retail price is \$30.00 per bottle.  
*Release Date:* April 2010