



2002 Robert Craig Mt. Veeder • Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Blend: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Total Production: 1500 cases

Winemaker Notes

The 2002 Robert Craig Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon delivers all the qualities that make Cabernets from Napa Valley's southwestern mountain range so distinctive – concentrated, long-lived essence of dark fruit, interwoven with cassis, currant and licorice and backed by finely textured, supple tannins.

Vineyard Characteristics

Picked in small quantities over several days to assure perfect ripeness, the fruit comes from a single-vineyard source that Robert Craig helped to plant in 1990. Located at 1800 feet along Mt. Veeder's highest ridgetop, this 26-acre vineyard has well-drained sandstone and blue slate soils, diverse exposures, and cool microclimates influenced by San Francisco Bay, consistently producing exceptionally rich, forward mountain Cabernets. Individual lots remain separate throughout barrel fermentation, with the master blend crafted from optimum lot selection to create a complex, multifaceted wine.

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Deep aromas of black fruit, violets and cocoa, enhanced with touches of cedar and bay leaf. *Flavors:* Concentrated bands of black cherry, blackberry, currant, and licorice are integrated with cassis, white chocolate and vanilla for a multi-layered, complex presentation. *Finish:* Dense currant and black fruit lead into licorice, silky chocolate, and cassis for a finish that grows in intensity on the palate. *General:* A luscious, classic Mt. Veeder Cabernet to savor, with all the power and structure for long-term aging.

Wine Information

Winemaker: Chad Alexander
Harvest dates: September 25–October 28
Average sugar: 25.7° Brix
TA: .61
pH: 3.64
Alcohol: 14.8 %
Barrel Aging: 19 months in French oak
Bottling Date: July 2004
Price: California suggested retail price is \$50.00 per bottle.
Release date: September 2005