

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2015 District Collection Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.68

TA: 6.3 g/L

Ageing: 19 months in French oak,
48% new French oak

IN THE VINEYARD

Our Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon is harvested from one of the highest vineyards in the Napa Valley located at 1,483 feet in elevation. The higher elevation means cooler daytime temperatures and warmer night time temperatures so these grapes have prolonged hours of growth during the day as compared to the valley floor. All of the Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a single vineyard on volcanic soils above the fog line.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the early growing season in the Napa Valley in 2015 resulted in early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures later in the season caused uneven fruit set and resulted in a smaller crop than previous average yields. Winemakers and vineyard crews worked diligently to pick and sort the best berries. While drought was still a concern for most of California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After harvesting on October 17th, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 33 days with an extended maceration. After a native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in primarily Seguin Moreau French oak barrels, 48% new French oak. Tightly grained, French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2015 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon showcases aromas of dark plum and black cherry with subtle hints of spice. Fresh flavors of raspberry, black currant and vanilla mingle on the palate with touches of all spice and nutmeg. This is a big and bold wine features well-balanced tannins and a long, lingering finish.