



## DISTRICT COLLECTION

ATLAS PEAK CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2018

### IN THE VINEYARD

Our Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon is harvested from two of the highest vineyards in Napa Valley with one reaching 1,483 feet in elevation. The higher elevation means cooler daytime temperatures and warmer nighttime temperatures so these grapes have prolonged hours of growth during the day as compared to the valley floor. The vineyards are planted in Hambright soils that were weathered from igneous rock and sit above the fog line.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were fermented on the skins for an average of 38 days with pump overs twice daily. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18 months in 42% new Taransaud and Saury oak barrels. Tightly grained French oak barrels impart their oak to wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

### WINE PROFILE

Deep garnet purple in color, this 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon has a bouquet of blackberry and black cherry with notes of black currant. Rich flavors of plum, raspberry and crème de cassis are layered with dark cocoa and baking spices. With fine-grained tannins and balanced acidity, this is a bold wine with a finish that lingers.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

**VARIETALS:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% by vol.

**PH:** 3.67

**TA:** 6.3 g/L

**AGING:** 18 months in 42% new French oak

