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2013 District Collection Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL:

PH: 3.77

TA: 5.8 g/L

AGEING: 18 months in French Oak,
30% new French Oak

IN THE VINEYARD

Our Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon is harvested from some of the highest vineyards in the Napa Valley. 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 red volcanic soils above the fog line.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

"Early, even and excellent" are three words used to describe the 2013 Napa Valley growing season and harvest. A warm and dry spring saw early bud break and created ideal conditions for steady flowering and even fruit set. A lengthy stretch of warm days and cool nights during the long summer months maintained optimal vine activity. Light rains in September had nearly no effect on Napa Valley's treasured wine grapes that found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After harvesting on October 15th, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 38 days. After a native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18 months in a mix of Orion, Seguin Moreau and Demptos French oak barrels, 30% 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 2013 Atlas Peak District Cabernet Sauvignon offers up hillside aromatics of raspberry and black cherry and notes of cedar and vanilla. It's a wine with a worldview. Big, bold and balanced tannins from the southern hillside and shallow soils with a touch of warm oak are balanced with notes of blackberry compote and pomegranate coulis.