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2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ATLAS PEAK

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season was not like the past few vintages; it wasn't particularly "easy" or "by the book" but it was an opportunity flex our grape growing and wine making skills and we remain proud of the high-quality wine we produced in this vintage. The year began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, resulting in extended flowering. A freak hail storm passed through quickly in June causing isolated damage. A warm summer was punctuated by three heat events, including one over Labor Day weekend, which kicked harvest into high gear by early September. Cool weather arrived immediately afterward, allowing sugar levels to return to normal and affording the grapes additional hang-time on the vine.

VINEYARD NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from an Atlas Peak vineyard at the top of the appellation. This vineyard produces small Cabernet Sauvignon berries which lend toward big, structured tannins. The appellation is so distinctive, we've made a wine from the Atlas Peak AVA since 2005 to showcase the region's unique character.

TASTING NOTES

This wine shows intense ruby color in the glass and the nose is laden with cassis, mocha, and tobacco aromas. On the palate, the bright acidity and firm tannins are both complex and harmonious, leading to a soft and elegant finish that coats the palate.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION Atlas Peak, Napa Valley | **OAK AGING** 22 months in French oak, 75% new

ALCOHOL 14.9% | **PH** 3.62 | **TA** 6.5 g/L | **RS** 1.1 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 219 cases