



*Girard*

**2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON**  
**ATLAS PEAK**

**VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal. Ample winter rains were followed by lots of spring and early summer sunshine. Bud break and flowering were slightly later than usual but coincided with ideal weather conditions for healthy fruit set. The mild summer was followed by an equally ideal fall; allowing fruit to ripen with ample flavor and complexity with moderate sugar levels. Fermentation temperatures were kept deliberately low to retain fresh fruit flavors and color extraction. Carefully selected French oak barrels rounded out the élevage (or barrel aging) process, ensuring a wine rich character and complexity.

**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 reveals black cherry and cassis enveloped in cedar spice. The plush textured wine is well-structured with bright acidity, firm tannins and more red and black fruit with hints of oak and vanilla, leading to a bold and elegant palate-coating finish.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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

**ALCOHOL** 14.9% | **PH** 3.6 | **TA** 6.2 g/L | **RS** 1.1 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 203 cases