



## 2018 ATLAS PEAK CABERNET



**Varietal Composition:**  
**100% Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Cellaring:**  
**22 months in 75% new French oak**

**Appellation:**  
**Atlas Peak**

**Production:**  
**215 Cases**

**Final Chemistry:**

**TA: 6.4g/L**

**pH: 3.69**

**Alcohol: 14.7%**

**Residual Sugar: 0.02%**

**Bottled:**  
**September 10th, 2020**

**Released:**  
**March 15th, 2021**

### **Growing Season**

After a few years of early picking in Napa Valley, the 2018 harvest was a “classic”. Mother Nature gifted us a picture perfect growing season starting with sufficient rains in the winter, mild spring temperatures and a summer filled with sunshine. After a turbulent 2017, patience was crucial this year with the last of our fruit hanging strong until the first week of November. This vintage was the winemaker’s dream: a long, slow-paced harvest with incredible yields and exceptional quality.

### **Winemaking**

The grapes were harvested throughout the month of October. All fermentations were conducted in small, two ton fermenters filled by gravity. A 48-hour cold soak period preceded a warm fermentation peaking at 90°F. The fermenters were punched 3 to 4 times a day during the fermentation period. After fermentation was complete, the grapes were kept in contact with the wine for a variable number of days lengthening the finish to extract the best phenolic structure from the fruit and avoid the harsher, late-extracted tannins.

### **Sensory Profile**

Another classic expression of Circle R Ranch Vineyards located in the Atlas Peak Appellation. Aromas of blackberry, cassis and red licorice wrap around secondary notes of coffee and cocoa. Its mouth coating texture coupled with firm tannins reveal a bold yet lively Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy now through 2030.



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