

2020 ATLAS PEAK CABERNET



Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cellaring: 22 months in 75% new French oak

Appellation: Atlas Peak

Production: 426 Cases

Final Chemistry: TA: 4.7g/L pH: 3.98

Bottled: August 24th, 2022

Alcohol: 14.7% Residual Sugar: 0.02%

Released:
March 13th, 2023

Growing Season

The 2020 season started with a rather warm and dry winter, late rains and cold weather surprised us at the end of March. While the spring was mild and sunny, leading to a heavy fruit set, the summer brought very cool mornings coupled with extremely warm days. Heat spikes helped move the harvest forward and most of our fruit was picked a full two weeks ahead of the normal schedule. Our new vines gifted us with their first year of full production and the quality is superb!

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

Blackberry, Indian spice and toffee aromatics combine beautifully with more gentle notes of cola, anise root and orange spice tea. The palate displays full body richness and well-structured tannins, characteristic of mountain fruit Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink at release or enjoy its evolution over the next 10 to 15 years.

