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## 2016 “Atlas Peak” Cabernet Sauvignon

**Production:** 398 cases

**Composition:** 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 3% Malbec

**Vineyards:** Baker, Dunlap and Windy Flats

**Cooperage:** 60% in new French oak barrels for 16 months: Remond, Nadalier, Treuil

**Alcohol:** 14.8% alc, 3.84 pH, 0.60 TA

**Bottling date:** June 20, 2018

**Release date:** Spring 2020

**Release price:** \$85.00

Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon is accumulating a well deserved reputation for intensity and finesse. At 1,500 ft. elevation, the Baker vineyard is a series of different volcanic soil types carved out of heavy chaparral in Foss Valley with a southwestern exposure, featuring several clones and rootstocks selected for their suitability to the thin, rocky soil. 2016, was another early year and a long growing season, with bloom in mid-May, and veraison in the last week of July, and harvest the second week in October. Cabernet Sauvignon had big color and big tannins and showed off the potential of the site and to create elegance and complexity. Atlas Peak is not for everyone. It needs to settle down and evolve for a while in bottle to soften and broaden the structure. But for the collector who wants to see their investment pay off, this wine is ready to age and grow for a long time.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:**

The 2016 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon aromas burst out, with many layers of mountain spices such as sage and curry leaf, but the real focus is on the blackberry and black currant. The palate is very deep and serious, with plenty of structure, but still showing the finesse that comes from 74 days of hang time at high altitude after veraison. Black currant and elderberry fruit lead to a long rich finish.