



HILL FAMILY
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2018 “Atlas Peak” Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 440 cases

Composition : 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec and 2% Petit Verdot

Vineyards : Baker, Beau Terre and Windy Flats

Cooperage: 40% in new French oak barrels for 16 months: Remond, Nadalier, Treuil

Alcohol: 15.5%, 3.73 pH, 0.60 TA

Bottling date: June 20, 2020

Release date: Fall 2021.

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. 2018 had nice rainfall and a long growing season, with bloom in early June, and veraison around August 14. The Cabernet Sauvignon had big color and big tannins and showed off the potential of the site and to create elegance and complexity. We did an optical sort and used F15 yeast, letting the fermentation reach 97 degrees at its highest point. 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 2018 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon aromas burst out, with many layers of cassis, mocha, sage and blackberry. Mountain tannins underly the midpalate and persist to the end. The palate is dense and focused, with mountain tannins and plenty of structure that will act as scaffolding for this wine to grow in the future.