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## 2019 “Atlas Peak” Cabernet Sauvignon

**Production:** 448 cases

**Composition:** 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Malbec and 3% Merlot

**Vineyards:** Baker, Windy Flats and Stewart Ranch

**Cooperage:** 55% in new French oak barrels for 18 months: Remond, Nadalier, Treuil

**Alcohol:** 15.6% alc, 3.81 pH, 0.58 TA

**Bottling date:** July 22, 2021

**Release date:** September 2022

**Release price:** \$95.00

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. 2019 was short on rainfall but we received 5” in May to fill the profile for the summer. This gave us a long growing season, with budbreak on April 17, bloom on June 1, veraison around August 14, and finally harvest on October 25 at 28 Brix. After a 4-day cold soak, we used Williams Selyem yeast, letting the fermentation cruise along at 92 degrees for 4 days to achieve maximum color and complexity. As a wine of large proportions, the Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 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 2019 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon offers mountain aromas of sage and blackberry with some coriander seed. The mountain tannins have developed finesse and support the dark toffee and blackberry flavors. Big and elegant, the young wine is hitting a sweet spot where the fruit is dominant in the flavor profile. From here, the fruit will recede into more of a balance with the palate mouthfeel and the oak.