



HILL FAMILY
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2009 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 196 cases

Composition: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot and 6% Malbec

Vineyards: 89% Baker (Atlas Peak), 9% Soda Canyon (Atlas Peak) and 2% Knubis (Napa)

Appellation: Atlas Peak

Elevations: Baker and Soda Canyon are both 1200 ft.

Cooperage: 77% new French oak (Saury, Remond), 23% new American oak (Radoux Appalachian oak)

Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 0.61, pH 3.70

Bottled: July 20, 2011

Release Date: Fall 2012

Release Price: \$68.00

2009 started with heavy rains that led to a cool growing season. A bad spell of rainy weather in mid-October, right when one would prefer to have lovely weather, created chaos for a lot of vintners in the valley. Happily, the high elevations such as Baker vineyard from the Atlas Peak District came together with beautiful flavors and ripe tannins towards the end. Our Petit Verdot was the big star for the year, and the Malbec was so fruity that it made blending trials very exciting.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

The aromas are vibrant, with nicely packed cassis and cedar-chest notes that lead into black licorice and blackberry. The palate offers a big structure that's built on elegant grape tannins and gentle French oak, all covered by black fruit and hazelnut. Best from 2013-2020.

