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2012 "Atlas Peak" Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 1,485 six-pack cases
Composition: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec 4% Merlot & 2% Petit Verdot
Vineyards: Baker, Dunlop, Windy Flats, Smith, Losey, Knubis, Beau Terroir
Appellations: Oak Knoll, Atlas Peak, Carneros
Cooperage: 50% in new oak barrels for 16 months (43% were French: Remond, Bossuet, and Stavin) (43% in Trust Hungarian) (14% in Radoux Appalacian barrels) and 40% in neutral barrels. *Note:* In Feb 2014 the lot was racked and 14 new Treuil French oak barrels and 3 new Trust Ingenieux barrels were added to the lot for the last 2 months of aging
Alcohol: 14.9% alc, 3.81 pH, 0.60 TA
Bottling date: April 7, 2014
Release date: TBA
Release price: $68.00

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 chapparal in Foss Valley, with a southwestern exposure featuring several clones and rootstalks selected by Doug Hill for their suitability to this thin soil with its rocky out crops. In 2012, with good winter rainfall and a long growing season, Cabernet Sauvignon had big color and big tannins and showed off the potential of the site and to create elegance and complexity. After blending with Malbec and Merlot to soften the structure a bit, this wine is ready to age and evolve for a long time in the bottle.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2012 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon offers aromas of blackberry, cassis, chocolatey-oak, and a whisper of white sage. The palate bursts with black cherry, dark cocoa, caramel, and is well backed up with integrated oak that lead to a lingering finish.