

**Acumen PEAK, Atlas Peak, Napa Valley (California)
Cabernet Sauvignon Edcora Vineyard 2014** (\$150): The grapes for this Cabernet are from a southwest facing vineyard on Atlas Peak, bringing lively ripe fruit aromas and flavors of cherry, blueberry and fall spice, complemented by a rich dry earth minerality that adds a lot of depth and interest. This is a solidly structured wine that's just beginning to speak. Age it well -- 15 years isn't out of the question -- or decant long near term. This is a winery to watch! Contains 3% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc.

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**Acumen PEAK, Atlas Peak, Napa Valley (California)
Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Grown 2014** (\$150): Atlas Peak's famed rustic tannin structure is on full display here, so give this a good rest in the cellar to bring its powerful mix of fruit and oak spice to the foreground. Blackberry, allspice, tobacco and mild dried herbs are tightly wound at present, but the promise of a tasty future lays within. It's nice to see a return to winemaking that makes for an unfolding of beauty later on down the road. Contains 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot.

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**Acumen PEAK, Atlas Peak, Napa Valley (California)
Cabernet Sauvignon Attelas Vineyard
2014** (\$150): Acumen's Attelas Vineyard is a 32 acre site on Atlas Peak with a northwest exposure that makes for a brighter, more red fruit driven wine. Here, cherry liqueur aromas are joined by stony minerality, restrained toasty oak spice and dried herbs in both aroma and flavor profiles. They ride a firm structure through a long finish that will become a real bloomer with another 5 to 10 years in bottle. A very well made wine. Contains 4% Malbec.

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Acumen, Napa Valley (California) Cabernet Sauvignon
“Mountainside” 2014 (\$60): Textbook violet aromas burst from this glass, accompanied by dark fruits -- plum, black cherry and blackberry. Rustic tannins hold everything tightly together, with notes of chocolate and Bergamont coming forward in the finish. Another complex bottling from winemaker Henrik Poulsen. Go for a bold meat dish here -- lamb or prime rib of beef.

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