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After decades—sometimes centuries—of toil, the Cabernets from these hard-to-work vineyards are now reaching their peak potential.

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Another high-profile project is Acumen Wines, founded in 2012 by Eric Yuan. Formerly part of Krupp Family Vineyard, it's a high-elevation, rocky site six miles off the Silverado Trail and above the fog line. It's subject to the cooling influences of San Pablo Bay to the south and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

The Tempranillo and Malbec originally planted there has been changed over to Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, and its 32 acres, now known as Attelas, are certified organic. Half a mile farther up the road, Acumen also owns the Edcora Vineyard, which rises to 1,600 feet above sea level.

Denis Malbec was the original wine-maker, with Steve Matthiasson and Garrett Buckland hired to oversee the vineyards. When Malbec was killed in a car accident in 2015, Matthiasson took on cellar duties as well. His first vintage in that role was 2016.

93 **Acumen 2013 Mountainside Cabernet Sauvignon.** This new project involves Steve Matthiasson as both viticulturist and winemaker. It shines in bristling acidity, dusty tannins and a beautiful floral aroma of violet. Notes of chocolate, fig and cigar sit atop a pillowy, complex structure, while vanilla lingers on the finish. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$60

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