



# 2019 PEAK

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON ATLAS PEAK, NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec 410 cases produced

With every vintage of our PEAK wines, our goal is to craft consummate expressions of our organically-farmed estate vineyards on the high-mountain slopes of Napa Valley's acclaimed Atlas Peak. To preserve the complexity of our vineyards, and ensure that we have numerous lots to choose from during blending, we individually ferment each block and varietal. Then after extensive sensory analysis, we select our very finest blocks and barrels of wine to craft our PEAK Attelas Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### ATLAS PEAK

Atlas Peak has been producing wines of renown since 1870. Located in Napa Valley's famed eastern mountains, Atlas Peak is regularly cooler than Napa Valley's other mountain AVAs, and significantly cooler than the valley floor. On a 100° F afternoon on the valley floor, our Attelas and Edcora estate vineyards are typically  $5^{\rm o}$  to 10° F cooler, ensuring abundant hangtime and ideal ripeness for our grapes. Atlas Peak benefits from a diurnal temperature variation of as much as 50° F, which helps the grapes to maintain excellent natural acidity and earthy minerality—signatures of our Acumen wines.

# 2019 VINTAGE

2019 was quite similar to the "Winemaker's Dream Vintage" of 2018. Following winter rains that saturated the soils, the vines coming out of dormancy had ample water to ensure a healthy budbreak. The growing season brought cooler-than-average temperatures throughout spring and summer. This, combined with the absence of any notable heat events during berry formation, ensured ideal flavor development. As a result, our 2019 wines offer exceptional energy and depth, with beautifully articulated varietal flavors and a subtle underlying power that reflects their mountain origins.

### NOTES FROM OUR WINEMAKER

Combining the power of Edcora Vineyard with the grace of Attelas, this energetic and alluring wine offers aromas of red currant, cassis, earth, and graphite, along with notes of mountain sage and spice. On the palate, firm, fine-grained tannins provide an elegant structural framework for a luxurious core of blue fruit flavors, with hints of bay leaf, laurel, cocoa, and coffee emerging on the long, complex finish.

## WINE FACTS

HARVEST DATES: October 7 to October 26, 2019
VINEYARD BLOCKS: EV 4, EV 9, EV 14, AV 16, AV4/5A
CLONES: Clones 4, 169 and 337 Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 595 Malbec
% NEW FRENCH OAK: 80%
BOTTLING DATE: July 2021
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
WINEMAKER: Phillip Titus