

# ACUMEN

*Napa Valley*

## 2018 PEAK ATTELAS VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON ATLAS PEAK, NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

Located in Napa Valley's famed eastern mountains of Napa Valley, our Attelas Vineyard was first planted in 1992 and was the original 'home vineyard' of legendary winegrower Dr. Jan Krupp (predating his famed Stagecoach Vineyard by three years). Attelas is situated at approximately 1,300 feet and features 32 acres of vines, planted in volcanic, clay, and loam soils as a mosaic of 20 vineyard blocks—including eight blocks and six different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon. Attelas also includes plantings of Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel and Tempranillo. With a predominantly northwest exposure, Attelas is a cool site in a cooler appellation, making it ideal for our complex and structured style.



### 2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season began with abundant winter rains that replenished the soils, followed by ideal temperate weather throughout spring and summer. With cooler-than-normal temperatures through September and no significant heat events, the grapes were able to ripen gradually and develop perfect physiological ripeness, complex flavors, and a favorable balance between sugar and natural acidity.

WINEMAKER: Phillip Titus  
COMPOSITION: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot and 4% Malbec  
BARREL AGING: 80% New French Oak  
CLONES: Clone 8, 169 and 337 Cabernet Sauvignon,  
Clone 595 Malbec, Clone 6 Merlot  
ALCOHOL: 14.5%  
PRODUCTION: 93 cases produced

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**These wines are outstanding for their type and are worth the extra effort to seek out.**

"The wines show a beautiful sense of freshness and purity, and at times can have an almost Bordeaux-like character in their tannins, acids, and textures. 2018 Acumen PEAK Attelas Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. Red and blue fruits, violets, spring flowers, toasty oak, and obvious minerality all emerge from the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon PEAK Attelas. With full-bodied richness, remarkable freshness, and gorgeous tannins, this beautiful, elegant wine is another stunning success in this lineup. It's going to blossom with 4-5 years of bottle age and keep for two decades." -Jeb Dunnuck, January 2021 jebdunnuck.com

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**An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines.**

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2018 Acumen PEAK Attelas Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon springs from the glass with gregarious scents of Morello cherries, blackcurrant cordial, wild blueberries, and mulberries plus suggestions of cinnamon stick, clove oil, camphor, and dark chocolate. The full-bodied palate is jam-packed with expressive black fruit preserves layers, complemented by beautiful floral accents and supported with ripe, grainy tannins, finishing long and with impressive energy." -Lisa Perrotti-Brown, November 2020 The Wine Advocate

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**Highly recommended.**

"Fresh from compiling the Decanter Napa Valley Cabernet vintage report for 2018 Matthew Lucy has pulled together a list of his top 10 producers and 10 wineries to watch based on the wines tasted. The more floral and understated of the two Acumen vineyard-designate Cabernets. Fresh violets, moss, and black plums on the nose. The palate balances a plush texture with polished tannins, clearly showing its mountain origins but doing so with restraint and poise." -Matthew Lucy, November 2020 Decanter