

ACUMEN

Napa Valley

2018 PEAK EDCORA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON ATLAS PEAK, NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

Located a half-mile away from our Attelas Vineyard, and approximately 350 higher up the mountain, Edcora (which neighbors the famed Stagecoach Vineyard) features shallow, iron-rich volcanic soils atop a hard layer of volcanic andesite. This unique soil makeup provides excellent drainage while concentrating the energy of the vines on ripening the fruit. Together, these factors produce the small berries and thick skins that are treasured by mountain winemakers. Edcora is planted to 78 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon spread over 20 individual blocks, along with Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. With a southwest-facing exposure and an ideal high-elevation climate, Edcora enjoys a long growing season that ensures ideal ripeness, depth, complexity, and phenolic concentration.



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: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc
BARREL AGING: 80% New French Oak
CLONES: Clones 4, 7 and 169 Cabernet Sauvignon,
Clone 214 Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
PRODUCTION: 95 cases produced

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POINTS

Outstanding wines. 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 Edcora Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Coming from Atlas Peak, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon PEAK Edcora is cut from the same cloth yet has a more rounded, expansive mouthfeel as well as slightly more present, chewy tannins, which can be common from the Atlas Peak region of the valley. Blackcurrants, graphite, crushed stone, and earthy notes all define the bouquet. This full-bodied effort will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and should keep for two decades." - Jeb Dunnuck, January 2021 JebDunnuck.com

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POINTS

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

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2018 Acumen PEAK Edcora Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon needs a little coaxing to reveal subtle scents of baked black plums, stewed cherries, mulberries and crème de cassis with suggestions of mocha, star anise, garrigue, and sautéed herbs. The full-bodied palate is completely packed with black fruit preserves, framed by velvety tannins and just enough freshness, finishing long and earthy." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, November 2020. Wine Advocate

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POINTS

Highly recommended.

"Roasted espresso, plum purée, and graphite on the nose. The palate is spry and energetic with a good balance of red and black fruits. A coarse tannin structure leads to a long, dusty finish, stitching together a solid example of the Atlas Peak AVA." - Matthew Lucy, December 2020. Decanter

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Outstanding.

"Stewed blackberry, clove, pine cone, and grilled pepper on the nose. It's medium-bodied with firm, fine tannins. Juicy finish." - James Suckling, December 2020. JamesSuckling.com