

# NORTH BAY VOYAGER

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## Cabernet Lovers: Napa's Acumen Opens Tasting Room to the Public

**It's worth the trip to downtown Napa to taste Acumen's estate cabernet sauvignon.**



After years of being appointment only, **Acumen's** downtown Napa tasting room is now open to the public.

Founded in 2012 by **Eric Yuan**, Acumen started offering tastings downtown in 2017, by appointment only, catering to cabernet fanatics seeking out the winery's cult-worthy, 100 point scoring estate wines.

Acumen produces cabernet sauvignon and sauvignon blanc, all produced from two vineyards, Edcora and Attelas, on Atlas Peak. The 116-acres vineyards are very remote, making it a tough place to welcome guests for regular tastings, hence the downtown tasting room.

“As a winery, we are dedicated to introducing the amazing and unique mountain wines from the exclusive Atlas Peak AVA to wine lovers everywhere,” says Acumen Estate Director and CFO Mark Castaldi. “Because of the remoteness of our two remarkable estate vineyards on Atlas Peak, our Napa tasting room provides a very accessible venue for experiencing our wines.”

The tasting room features an impressive art collection, including an art gallery with rotating exhibitions. Leather furniture dots the space, with seating areas for small and large groups.

"It is a stunning space," shares Castaldi, "and the perfect place to connect with new customers, welcome our wonderful wine club members, and grow our community of friends and fellow mountain wine enthusiasts."

The tasting room includes seated areas and a small bar. Guests can experience two offerings: the Estate Tasting (\$40), a more casual tasting of estate wines, and the seated Summit Experience (\$55), which guides guests on a tasting paired with local cheese and charcuterie.



Acumen's estate vineyards on Atlas Peak make for stellar cabernet sauvignon wines.

We're pretty excited about the opening of the tasting room to the public, given that the Acumen wines have continued to impress us, vintage to vintage. If you love elegant, smooth cabernet that is a pleasure to drink with food or on its own, you must try Acumen wines.

The 2015 Acumen PEAK Cabernet Sauvignon (\$150) blends the best from both vineyards and is a cellar friendly, stunner of a cab rich with berries, plum and an earthy flintiness that truly represents the Atlas Peak AVA.

On the more accessible side (\$65), Acumen's 2017 Mountainside Cabernet Sauvignon is a silky, luscious wine that is rich in blackberries, the essence of pomegranate molasses, and more of that earthiness that Atlas Peak is known for.

The Acumen Tasting Room is open Thursday-Sunday from 11 AM to 7 PM and by appointment from Monday through Wednesday. 707-251-8885, 1315 First St., Napa, [www.acumenwine.com](http://www.acumenwine.com).

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