

ACUMEN

Napa Valley

2016 PEAK • ATTELAS VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON • ESTATE GROWN • NAPA VALLEY

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 6% Malbec - 106 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.

ATTELAS VINEYARD - 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, Zinfandel, Tempranillo, Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc. With a predominantly northwest exposure, Attelas is a cool site in a cooler appellation, making it ideal for our complex and structured style.

2016 VINTAGE - The 2016 vintage on Atlas Peak provided ideal growing conditions at our Attelas Estate Vineyard. After several years of drought, much-needed winter rains replenished our soils. The wet winter was followed by a dry, temperate spring and summer. Because there was abundant sunshine to ripen the grapes, with no noteworthy heat spikes, the grapes were able to mature slowly, developing beautifully articulated varietal flavors, while preserving the natural acidity that is a key element of our wines. The lovely weather continued into harvest, ensuring that we were able to pick each block exactly when we wished. Overall, yields were down slightly in 2016, resulting in wines with rich, concentrated flavors, supple tannins, and layers of terroir-driven complexity.

NOTES FROM OUR WINEMAKER - This is a beautifully vibrant and energetic wine that showcases the elegance and sophistication that can be achieved when Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on the mountain slopes of our Attelas Vineyard. Aromas of red currant and ripe cherry leap from the glass, followed by hints of mint, laurel, thyme, sage and sweet spice. On the palate, the fine-grained tannins accentuate the wine's silky mouthfeel, while adding nuance and depth to lively red and dark berry flavors. As it evolves, notes of savory herbs, cedar, cigar box and graphite emerge drawing the wine to a long, resonant finish.

HARVEST DATES: Mid September – Early October

VINEYARD BLOCKS: 16 & 2

CLONES: 337 / St. George & 8 / 110r

% NEW FRENCH OAK: 85% New

BOTTLING DATE: June 1, 2018

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

WINEMAKER: Phillip Titus

