



NAPA VALLEY SINCE, 1978

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2022 ATLAS PEAK CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON CAPTURES THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF GRAPES SOURCED FROM ATLAS PEAK, THE HIGHEST PEAK IN NAPA VALLEY. THE DEEP COLOR AND FLAVORS, ALONG WITH THE RICHLY TEXTURED TANNINS, REFLECT THE MOUNTAIN FRUIT. THE INTEGRATED SPICE NUANCES COME FROM NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS. AT 2,663 FEET, ATLAS PEAK HAS TEMPERATURES COOLER THAN THOSE ON THE VALLEY FLOOR, YET THE VINEYARDS SIT ABOVE THE FOG LINE AND BENEFIT FROM LONG SUN EXPOSURE. THE VOLCANIC SOILS - HIGHLY POROUS, FREE DRAINING, AND LOW IN NUTRIENTS - PRODUCE SMALL YIELDS OF EXCEPTIONAL CABERNET SAUVIGNON.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season in Napa Valley saw record-breaking weather events, with 80% of the total rainfall arriving before the new year. This filled vineyard ponds for the first time in two years but was followed by the driest three months on record, leading to an early bud break. Despite the dry spell, healthier canopies resulted from earlier rains. The summer was generally average but slightly warmer than 2021. Harvest started 5 to 7 days earlier than the previous year and was 15% lighter but of exceptional quality. A Labor Day heat wave accelerated harvest, later cooled by a late September rain event. Overall, the 2022 harvest was the most condensed in recent memory.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The 2022 vintage was harvested from September 12th to October 24th. The grapes were hand-harvested at night when temperatures often dip to 50°F to capture vibrant acidity and fruit expression in the wine. We first cold-soaked the must (crushed grapes) for gentle extraction and then fermented in stainless steel, concrete and oak barrel fermenters at 88°F. Rigorous pump-overs, increasing during the peak of the fermentation, developed deep color, rich varietal character and fine tannins in the wine.

The wine was aged in 30% new French oak barrels to meld the bright fruit expression with oak spice nuances. After three months of aging, we blended the vineyard components allowing them to marry for a total of 20 months of barrel élevage. This wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered to present the attributes of the vineyard in the purest form possible, from the dirt to the glass!

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	ALCOHOL	pH	TA
98% Cabernet Sauvignon	15.5%	3.86	6.1 g/l
2% Petit Verdot			

TASTING NOTES

Evergreen in style from the start, the Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon offers an elixir of herbs and forest floor on the nose. Raspberry compote, sage and bay leaf give way to bramble berry compote, all echoing the high-elevation stature of the appellation. Red fruit and woody flavors are anchored by chewy and stem-like tannins that gain focus before culminating in a polished finish. Age this wine 12-17 years and pour it alongside fresh gnocchi with a sage brown butter sauce and lamb sausage.

