

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2014 District Collection Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 15.6%

pH: 3.59

TA: 6.4 g/L

Ageing: 19 months in French oak,
46% new French oak

In the Vineyard

Our Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon is harvested from some of the highest vineyards in the Napa Valley. The higher elevation means cooler daytime temperatures and warmer night time temperatures so these grapes have prolonged hours of growth during the day as compared to the valley floor. All of the Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a single vineyard on red volcanic soils above the fog line.

About the Vintage

The 2014 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

Conversations with the Winemaker

After harvesting on September 30, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 44 days with an extended maceration. After a native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in a mix of Demptos and Ermitage French oak barrels, 46% new French oak. Tightly grained, French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Profile

Our 2014 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon showcases aromas of black cherry, candied violet and notes of nutmeg. Flavors of fresh raspberry and sarsaparilla vanilla mingle on the palate with touches of cardamom. This is a big and bold wine with balanced tannins and a long, lingering finish.