ACUMEN
Napa Valley

2021
PEAK
CABERNET FRANC

ATLAS PEAK, NAPA VALLEY

ESTATE GROWN

76% Cabernet Franc, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot

125 cases produced

With every vintage of our PEAK wines, our goal is to craft consummate expressions of our 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 estate wine to craft our PEAK Cabernet Franc.

ATLAS PEAK

Atlas Peak has been producing wines of renown since 1870. Located in Napa Valley's famed eastern mountains, Atlas Peak is regularly cooler than Napa Valley's other mountain AVAs, and significantly cooler than the valley floor. On a 100° F afternoon on the valley floor, our Attelas and Edcora estate vineyards are typically 5° to 10° F cooler, ensuring abundant hangtime and ideal ripeness for our grapes. Atlas Peak benefits from a diurnal temperature variation of as much as 50° F, which helps the grapes to maintain excellent natural acidity and earthy minerality—signatures of our Acumen wines.

2021 VINTAGE

While another year of drought conditions on Atlas Peak produced small clusters and berries—thereby lowering yields somewhat—the quality of the vintage was exceptional, resulting in beautifully concentrated mountain wines, with pure, polished flavors and lovely underlying complexity. Overall, the growing season was relatively mild and completely free of drama. After modest rains in January and February, there was no notable precipitation for the rest of the season and no major heat spikes. As a result, flower, bloom and set were all excellent, and the grapes were able to ripen slowly and evenly, developing wonderful depth and character.

NOTES FROM OUR WINEMAKER

This beautifully vibrant expression of mountain-grown Cabernet Franc draws you in with alluring aromas of currant, pomegranate and plum, mingled with hints of oak spice, cola, cigar box, leather and fragrant black tea. On the smooth, mouthfilling palate, silky tannins and a round supple texture frame the bright red berry flavors, with layers of cherry, caradamom, clove and roasted coffee flowing to a long luxurious finish.

WINE FACTS

HARVEST DATES: September 14 to October 19, 2021
VINEYARD BLOCKS: AV13 Cabernet Franc and AV9 Merlot
CLONES Cabernet Franc Clone 312, Merlot Clone 6
% new French oak: 60%
BOTTLING DATE: June 2023
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
WINEMAKER: Phillip Titus

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