

SCATTERED PEAKS

2018

cabernet sauvignon

napa valley, california

Scattered Peaks is an elevated spin on Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon carefully curated and elegantly crafted by wine industry icon, Derek Benham, and legendary Napa Valley Winemaker, Joel Aiken. This is serious Cabernet, with depth and structure not typically found at this price.

VINTAGE

2018 began with abundant rainfall followed by a mild spring resulting a later bud break. Under ideal conditions, flowering occurred a little later than previous years yet created a beautiful fruit set. A typical Napa Valley sunny summer brought hot days and cool evenings allowing the grapes to accumulate complex flavors, deep color and delicate tannins.

WINEMAKING

We harvested our grapes once they attained brix levels between 24° - 25° and the fruit was most flavorful and mildly acidic. The grapes were picked during the cool early morning hours and delivered to the winery where they were sorted, de-stemmed and cold soaked for four days prior to fermentation. During primary fermentation, three daily pump overs are done, a technique that creates more supple wines with greater aging ability and fewer bitter tannins. Finally, the wine was racked into French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and 18 months of aging.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Scattered Peaks Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon vintage is the best yet. It has intense black and red fruit aromas bolstered by hints of anise. On the palate, opulent and brooding fruit flavors of black cherry and cassis mingle with essence of black licorice and violets as well as dark cocoa notes. Fine and velvety tannins and a touch of vanilla support the long, lingering finish of this classic Napa Valley Cabernet.

VINEYARD SOURCING

- 75% Pope Valley, Usibelli
- 7.4% Oak Knoll District
- 6.8% Rutherford
- 10.8% Other Napa Valley Vineyards

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- Consulting Winemaker: Joel Aiken
- Winemaker: Joe Tapparo
- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- pH: 3.59
- TA: 0.61 g/100ml
- Aging: 18 months in French oak barrels, 50% new. Coopers: Seguin Moreau, Nadalié, TW Boswell
- Alcohol by Volume: 14.5%
- Cases Produced: 6,400 9L cases – packed in 6-packs
- SRP: \$39.99



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