

# SCATTERED PEAKS

## NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON | 2023

*Scattered Peaks wines embody the spirit of adventure and determination, reflecting founder Derek Benham's quest for excellence. Our boutique wines are bold and powerful yet elegant, showcasing a harmonious balance of strength and finesse.*

### VINTAGE

In 2023, Napa Valley experienced one of the longest growing seasons in a decade or more. With consistent, mild weather throughout the season, above-average crop yields, and extended hang time, 2023 is an exceptional, high-quality, memorable vintage. Winter and spring rains led to full reservoirs and healthy, saturated soils; ideal conditions as grape growers headed into bud break. The mild, warm summer weather supported healthy canopy growth through bloom and set. Relatively cool weather throughout the growing season in tandem with an abundance of sunshine allowed grape skins to ripen slowly and develop maximal dark red color components for red wines.

Harvest of Cabernet Sauvignon harvest started the end of September / early-October; all picks wrapped up by mid-November. Vintners relished the long harvest season, which provided extended hang time to develop flavors.

For red wines, full ripeness of grape skins and seeds provided the building blocks for a tannic backbone which is the source of resilience for a long-lived wine.

### WINEMAKING

We harvested our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from Usibelli Vineyards during the cool morning hours once they reached ideal maturity and developing fruit characters came into balance. At the winery the grapes were de-stemmed and gently crushed into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Cold soaking, 2-3 daily pump-overs, and extended maceration winemaking techniques were utilized to gain optimum extraction and balance during fermentation. At dryness the wine was drained from the skins and aged on French Oak for 12 months prior to bottling.

### VINEYARDS

We have sourced and worked with Usibelli Vineyard for 17 years. Located just 15 minutes outside of St. Helena in Pope Valley, this vineyard is 'off the beaten path', in a quieter area of Napa Valley and produces grapes which are of gold standard in the region.

It is situated in the most northeastern region of Napa Valley at higher elevations than the valley floor and experience incredibly large diurnal swings, with warm days and cool nights.

The vineyard is hilly with well-drained, gravely, and loamy soil. This moderates the vigor of the vines and maintains water and stress levels. Our Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the Hillside Block Vineyard 10/ Block 2.



**91**  
POINTS

JAMES  
SUCKLING

VINEYARD  
SOURCING:  
100% Usibelli Vineyard

### TASTING NOTES

**APPEARANCE:** Dark black cherry.

**AROMA:** Bold black and red fruit notes.

**PALATE:** Concentrated dark black fruit, ripe plum and cassis. Toasty oak and dark cocoa tones.

**FINISH:** Integrated, velvety with ample texture and lingering finish.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**WINEMAKER:** Steven Urberg

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:**

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot

**CLONES:** 7 & 337

**COOPERS:** Seguin Moreau, Nadalié, TW Boswell

**AGING:** 18 months on French, 50% new

**pH:** 3.59    **TA:** 6.20

**ALC / VOL:** 14.5%

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