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2013

2013 Vintage Notes

The 2013 growing season was a warm, dry spring brought early bud break, helped with canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and started ripening.

Atlas Peak Appellation

The Atlas Peak AVA is located within the Napa Valley AVA, just northeast of the city of Napa. The appellation sits at a higher elevation than most of Napa's wine region which limits the effects of the cool fog coming in from the Pacific Ocean. The westward orientation of most vineyards on the Vaca Mountains also extends the amount of direct sunlight on the grapes. The soil of this AVA is volcanic and very porous which allows it to cool down quickly despite the increased sunlight. The area has a fairly significant diurnal temperature variation upwards of 30 degrees between daytime and night. This contributes to the balance of acidity that grapes from Atlas Peak vineyards are known to have.

2013 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon

There are wines from day one of harvest that capture your attention. The 2013 Atlas Peak is one of those. It had great color and intensity from the start. Dark purple, blue and red colors capture the eye, while aromas of black currant and sweet plum lift from the glass. On the palate, the wine is rich with lush dark fruits, while a touch of oak adds complexity and length to the palate. The tannins are long and integrated. For those of you who had the chance to enjoy our 2012 Howell Mountain, this reminds us of that wine with more richness and depth. While extremely tempting to enjoy now, it will age beautifully for the next decade. 77 cases produced.

Varietal Appellations Barrel Aging Alcohol

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Atlas Peak

18 Months, 100% French Oak, 66% New

14.3%