

PATEL

NAPA VALLEY



Vintage: 2018

Varietal: 73% Merlot
27% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley

Aging: 22 months in 100% new
French oak

Production: 150 cases

Release date: Spring 2021

Notes:

Our 2018 Red Wine, composed predominantly of Merlot from Atlas Peak, is consistent with previous years bottlings. Merlot brings forward elegant texture and red fruit characteristics including Bing cherry, and red plum, while Cabernet Sauvignon reinforces the tannin structure. The blend between the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon creates balanced concentration and drinkability.

Vinification:

Arriving in small, hand-picked lugs from the vineyards, the clusters were hand sorted, de-stemmed and hand sorted again, berry by berry. A two-day cold soak was followed by primary fermentation in small, open-top stainless-steel tanks. Following an extended maceration, the fruit was gently pressed and the wine moved to barrel for secondary fermentation. The wine aged for 22 months in rare 60% new French artisan oak barrels with minimal racking. Multiple blending trials determined the final blend, which we bottled unfinned and unfiltered.