

2018 EXPEDITION

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

60 BARRELS HANDCRAFTED BY WINEMAKER ANDY ERICKSON
AVAILABLE BY ALLOCATION

ORIGINS

It is incredibly exciting to present our inaugural release from Seven Apart, a new winery part of the next generation of Napa Cabernet. As luck would have it, our first offering from this new endeavor comes from a lauded and greatly anticipated vintage. 2018 in Napa Valley was a long growing season, with steady, mild conditions, a harvest defined by richness, depth of character, accessibility and staying power.

VINEYARDS

The 2018 Expedition Cabernet Sauvignon offers a first look at the potential of Seven Apart. The grapes come from our prized Stags Ridge Vineyard and Base Camp Vineyard, along with fruit from partner grower in Oakville. Stags Ridge Vineyard is perched 1,400 feet above Napa Valley atop Atlas Peak and has consistently delivered fruit with remarkable power and intensity. The dense volcanic soil pushes the vines to the limit and rewards us with stunning wines. Base Camp Vineyard is seven miles down the mountain on the Silverado Trail and has a rich Napa history.



WINEMAKING

We worked diligently to fine tune a blend that is powerful, structured, rich, and accessible all at once. The character of the wine is driven by dark, expressive Cabernet Sauvignon, with a small amount of Cabernet Franc and Merlot bringing complexity, spice, and nuance. After a controlled fermentation and long maceration on the skins, the wine was aged for eighteen months in French oak, 80% of the barrels being new. This rounded the tannins, and gave the wine a velvety texture.

NOTES

Immediately apparent is the opaque, black-purple hue in the glass. Aromas of cassis, graphite, black cherry, toffee and espresso are as intense as the color. The wine is heady, with more layers being revealed with time in the glass—cedar, baking spices, star anise, and cacao. On the palate the impression is polished, rich, and long, with flavors of blackberry cobbler, black plum, and subtle vanilla. This is a very satisfying wine from an outstanding vintage.