

2018 SHALE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

9 BARRELS HANDCRAFTED BY WINEMAKER ANDY ERICKSON
AVAILABLE BY ALLOCATION

ORIGINS

At Seven Apart, it is our mission to create unique expressions of our dramatic vineyard site on Atlas Peak. Our first offering from our estate series of wines is Shale, named after the fine-grained, laminated rock that constitutes part of the vineyard. As the name suggests, "Shale" represents the finer, more detailed side of the estate. The namesake wine is crafted to have softer tannins, and a subtler aromatic profile, compared to the bolder Basalt.

VINEYARD

Our Stags Ridge Vineyard is located 1,475 ft above Napa Valley atop Atlas Peak. Millions of years ago, the volcano in Mount St. Helena erupted creating our bountiful valley and gracing fellow mountain peaks with volcanic rock. The rocky and harsh soils were left untouched until 1999 when they were excavated and planted with grapevines.



TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Shale is produced from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the estate. At first sight it shows a notable black-purple hue, and great density. On the nose are intense aromas of black licorice and cassis, along with savory tones of teak oil, sage, baked bread and chapparal. The wine is powerful but graceful, with intense berry flavors, as well as soy, thyme, and orange blossoms. Along with the voluminous palate impression, the tannins are highly polished, making for a long, velvety finish. The silky impression means that the wine is very enjoyable now, in its youth, but with all of the structure and concentration, it will certainly age for decades.

WINEMAKING

This estate grown wine is picked specifically from selected blocks within the vineyard that demonstrate elegance and finesse. Andy and the winemaking team then aged the wine for 24 months in the finest French oak and selected only 9 barrels to be worthy of this final bottling.