

2018 SUMMIT

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2 BARRELS HANDCRAFTED BY WINEMAKER ANDY ERICKSON
AVAILABLE BY ALLOCATION

VINEYARD

Like the name suggests, Summit offers the most elevated expression of our Stags Ridge Vineyard, located high atop Atlas Peak in the eastern mountains above Napa Valley. Our winemaking vision—to create compelling wines of character from our high-elevation, organically farmed vineyard—is on full, panoramic display with this special offering from Seven Apart.

WINEMAKING

2018 was a growing season that offered up dark, delicious, perfectly ripe fruit throughout the Napa Valley. High atop Atlas Peak, where our soils are incredibly rocky, and the temperatures are cooler, the grapes became more concentrated as the season extended into late October. After careful sorting, controlled fermentation, and a long, gentle maceration, the wine was aged for two years in 100% new French oak barrels. The Summit is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, from the heart of the Stags Ridge Vineyard. It is quite literally the *crème de la crème* of 2018.



TASTING NOTES

Dark, black-purple, and opaque, the 2018 Summit is highly aromatic, with an aroma profile as deep as the wine is dark. Baked blueberry, vanilla bean, cedar, and even hints of bay leaf fill the glass. On the palate the wine has a highly polished texture, rich and soft and with remarkable fruit intensity. The dark black fruit flavors dance with notes of oolong tea and gunsmoke, bringing layers of complexity that expand with time. With such softness and richness, the wine is hedonistic and pleasing right now, but will certainly develop over the coming years in the bottle. This wine shows to what heights wine can be taken when grown at the peak.

AGING

"This wine will age for decades, but if someone prefers more fruit in the expression, 3-5 years of age would be great. I prefer to taste these kinds of wines after 10-15 years in the bottle."

-Winemaker Andy Erickson