

2019 EXPEDITION

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

60 BARRELS HANDCRAFTED BY WINEMAKER ANDY ERICKSON
AVAILABLE BY ALLOCATION

VINEYARD

At Seven Apart, we feel forward momentum and a sense of flow with all of the many tasks at hand. We are relentlessly making improvements to our Stags Ridge Vineyard on the top of Atlas Peak, from farming organically to precisely controlling the amount of water each vine receives. We are reimagining our Base Camp vineyard with an eye toward the future. These projects represent serious endeavors, and we feel the wines we produce each vintage are a snapshot of where we are at the time.

Our Expedition bottling is meant to highlight the quality of the vintage as a whole, with fruit from our estate vineyards Stags Ridge and Base Camp, and also from our partner growers. The result is a wine with a broad spectrum of flavors and textures, that speaks with the voice of the growing season.

AGING

This youthful wine is very intense—though accessible—right now, and will only gain in complexity and depth with time in the bottle. We think the wine's true potential will be reached between 2024 and 2034.



TASTING NOTES

The red-purple hue is notable, hinting at the freshness and intensity of the aromas. Red cherry, raspberry, and fresh tobacco come to mind, with notes of cinnamon, vanilla, graphite, and California bay. On the palate there is a rush of red fruits, which continues to build in intensity as the wine is savored.

The texture is incredibly fine-grained and silky, while the fruit at the wine's core expands and lengthens on the finish.

WINEMAKING

The 2019 vintage is very much defined by high energy, fine focus, and generosity.

The Expedition from 2019 is bright, polished and high-powered. 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 which makes up 91% of this blend, with 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot to bring 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.