

# Animo

## 2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON | NAPA VALLEY

### Grape Variety

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot and 5% Merlot

### Atlas Peak Vineyard

The vineyard sits atop Atlas Peak at the edge of a steep canyon overlooking the town of Oakville between 1,270-1,350 feet on 15 acres of stony, volcanic soil. The property was purchased and planted by the Michael Mondavi Family in 1999. The vineyard is predominately comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon of the Clone four variety planted on 110R rootstock, which produces structured fruit with ample tannins and acid to balance the concentrated dark fruit flavors.

### Vintage Notes

The warm season, balanced by the night time fog of the Napa Valley, calmed the ripening process and gave this wine a unique equilibrium of tannin and dark fruit with a full, rich background. The 2013 vintage marks the second year of profound vineyard changes in which Rob Mondavi focused on the timing of specialized natural farming practices and viticultural techniques. The vines are thinned and tipped at specific times to accentuate higher and earlier phenolic development which created yet another exceptional vintage for our family vineyard.

### Winemaking

After the grapes were hand-harvested, de-stemmed and crushed, the must was cold soaked for four days prior to the onset of fermentation in small wood French tanks. Aeration and cap management is handled through a series of punch-downs and pump-overs for color and tannin extraction. Upon completion of fermentation, the wines macerate on the skins for 18-21 days before being gently pressed off. The wine is barrel aged in 82% new French oak for 20 months before bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Resting just above Oakville, our Atlas Peak hillside estate vineyard's volcanic soil provides a minerality and freshness to our family Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine shows incredible length and beauty with deep and voluminous layers. Heady aromas of blackberries, crushed pecans and cocoa nibs are met with fine and polished tannins which exemplify the beauty of this vintage. The wine is drinking superbly now and will continue to evolve gracefully over the next 30 years.

*5.90 g/l total acidity; 3.89 pH;*

*ABV: 14.4%*

*SRP: \$85.00*

Production: 1,390 cases



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