



# ATLAS PEAK



# The Appellation

The Atlas Peak appellation sits high in the Vaca Mountain range, on the eastern side of Napa Valley. Atlas Peak (the winery) was established in 1987, five years before the Atlas Peak AVA became official.

Atlas Peak knew that their terroir was something special. The AVA boasted high altitudes (2,663 feet, no less), well-drained soils and a particular climate uniquely suited to producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa's flagship variety.







# The Inspiration

The wines are named after the peak, of course, but also for the mythological Greek figure, Atlas, whose lot in life was to have the weight of the world on his back.

Though fictional, there's something to the name. The image of Atlas is an apt metaphor for Atlas Peak American Super Tuscan and Cabernets, which are fleshy and weighty, just like the world on Atlas' shoulders.







## Derek Irwin, *Winemaker*

A seasoned winemaker with a rich history in the wine industry.



**Education and Early Career:** A UC Davis graduate who began his career as an Enologist and Assistant Winemaker at Cosentino Winery in Yountville, CA. He then honed his skills as an Assistant Winemaker at Bouchaine Vineyards in Carneros, CA

**International Experience:** Derek then worked under the guidance of world-renowned Italian Enologist Alberto Antonini. His training included periods in Italy and Argentina.

**California Experience:** In 2001, Derek became the Chief Winemaker and Vineyards Manager at Viansa Winery. He then began a relationship with Naggia vineyards and went on to found Madura Consulting in 2004.

Derek now leads winemaking for Atlas Peak bringing over 30 years of expertise. His journey reflects his dedication to producing wines that express their unique terroir and his commitment to quality. His diverse experiences and international training have shaped his distinctive winemaking style.