

CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE



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ATLAS PEAK 2005 Claret Napa Valley

85 points

"57% Cabernet Sauvignon; 14% Petit Verdot; 12% Merlot; 11% Malbec; 6% Cabernet Franc. As much concerned with dried herbs and briary Cabernet spice as it is with outgoing fruit, this firmly built bottling proves to be overly oaky and a bit hollow in flavor with lingering notes of tea leaf and tobacco making their ways past acidity and evident tannin."

