

	Retail	Savings
\$29.99	\$45.00	33%

2015 Scattered Peaks Cabernet Sauvignon - Napa Valley *Icon, Joel Aiken Production - 97pts Platinum Medal Decanter World Wine Awards

Why We're Drinking It

This is the epitome of an artful, collaborative take on traditional Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon by two of the region's legendary titans.

- From Bakersfield ag worker to hawking wine from the back of his '67 Mustang to operating the successful Sonoma venture "Scattered Peaks," Derek Benham is the wildly successful, free spirited adventurer-entrepreneur behind the Cordera Wine Group; Avalon; Mark West; BEX Riesling; Cryptic; and numerous other brands. This brings his unprecedented passion towards curating superior fruit from some of the most coveted vineyards in Napa Valley.
 - Then, there's Joel Aiken: the definition of Rockstar Winemaker born into the ag world, graduate of UC Davis' viticulture program, youngest winemaker ever to be hired at Beaulieu Vineyards, Cabernet Connoisseur whose worked at over 50 superior vineyards in Napa Valley.
 - A stellar vintage in the valley, 2015 was a lower yield, high quality harvest. That quality really shines through in the 2015 Scattered Peaks: drink it now, but get a couple bottles to lay down for the next 3-6 years.
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Tasting Notes

Harvested at the peak of ripeness and aged for 18 months in French oak barrel, 50% new, Scattered Peaks offers intense black and red fruit aromas bolstered by hints of baking spice and toasted oak. On the palate, dark brooding fruit flavors of black cherry and cassis intermingle with notes of anise and violet. Firm and silky tannins with a touch of vanilla support a long, enjoyable finish.

VARIETAL
Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION
Napa Valley
ALCOHOL
13.50
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
Cabernet Sauvignon

The Story to Know

From the winery:

Scattered Peaks is an elevated spin on Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon carefully curated and elegantly crafted by wine industry icon, Derek Benham and legendary Napa Valley Winemaker, Joel Aiken.

Leveraging their deep passion for – and long history within – the California wine industry, Derek and Joel curate superior fruit from coveted regions throughout Napa Valley. Their plunder is then aged in carefully curated oak barrels and artfully blended to achieve the high levels of quality and experience.

Scattered Peaks is a creative marriage of Derek's greatest loves: surfing, skiing and wine. A powerful triple-entendre, the term 'Scattered Peaks' refers to a surfing condition when waves approaching the shore split, creating different wave peaks. Secondly, the term signifies the many snowy peaks around the world that Benham has conquered with unmatched enthusiasm. Finally, 'Scattered Peaks' refers to our vineyards dotted across the world-renowned Napa Valley.

Perfect Pairings

This wine will pair perfectly with a rich meat dish. The tanins and dark fruits will match perfectly with the protein rich meat.

Ratings

97 Points & Platinum Medal -Decanter World Wine Awards
May 2018
94 *Insider* Points

Reviews

"Roasted herb, coffee, black cherry and blackberry fruit compote on the nose. The palate is rich and concentrated but never heavy, with a lively acidity providing a sense of movement. Tannins are mighty and show that this will blossom with more time". - *Decanter*

With 2 Big Names Comes a Big Wine

It's one thing when you have a solo superstar working on a project; when you have TWO superstars collaborating on a Napa Cab? Well, it's likable to blow you out the water just like the awesome supergroups throughout history: we're talking Audioslave, Velvet Revolver, Crosby Stills Nash & Young! That's what we've got here, a supergroup of winemakers, bringing you their Scattered Peaks Cabernet Sauvignon.

A warm, bright nose to start. It opens into a full body of plum, nectarine, red currant, cigar box and oak with a smooth texture. The fruit pulls through the finish, and leaves you wanting more. At a great age, but will continue to cellar another 3-5 years. A must for any collector. *94 Points - JZ June '18*