



2007 Estate Pinotage
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

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Stags Leap District is a unique place to farm grapes. Often called a valley within the Napa Valley, the Stags Leap District is influenced by cool evening breezes from the San Pablo bay and rocky volcanic soils. Combined with our eastern exposure this is an ideal place for growing grapes. Our family has been farming this land since 1965.

Pinotage

One of the unique wines of the world is Pinotage, created in South Africa in 1925 to strengthen the character of Pinot Noir. This flower cross and seedling selection produces a wine which balances the characters of hot and spicy foods by its unique soft tannins. If you like spicy food, it is the wine for you!

Color:

Has a nice deep brick red color that moves to almost black.

Nose:

Aromas of crushed herbs, spices, potpourri and leather mingle with black fruit aromas and a dark earth, almost musty quality. Also hints of cedar, oak and vanilla push through from the French barrels.

Mouth:

This is a mid-weight wine which is showing a good balance between the tannin structure and fruit elements. Many of the same aromatic notes carry over to the flavors in the mouth, in particular vibrant cherries and plums that mingle nicely with an allspice component. As the wine crosses the palate it shows nice weight and texture, leading to a well balanced, lingering finish. This wine can be enjoyed with a wide variety of foods and is best enjoyed now through the year 2012.

Release Date ∞ September 2011

Harvest Date ∞ September 1 - 10, 2007

Brix at Harvest: 26 brix

Wine Data

TA: 0.58

PH: 3.68

Alcohol: 14.4%

Fermentation: 9 days

Barrel Ageing: 18 months

Gamba French Oak

Blend:

100% Estate Pinotage

Vineyards:

2 separate Estate blocks

8 rows – SLD Winery Block

2 rows – SLD Air Strip Block

Cases Produced: 145