



2008 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

Steltzner Vineyards & Stags Leap District

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.

Vineyards

While there are two wines represented in this blend, the actual complexity is much greater than that. The Cabernet Franc portion of this blend comes from both of the vineyard blocks located within our Stags Leap property. Likewise the Cabernet Sauvignon portion of the blend is represented by 8 of the 11 total Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard parcels we have on the estate.

Winemaker Notes:

Color: Vibrant ruby, to a dark brick red.

Nose: Aromas of French vanilla, cream, and sweet oak mingle with those of Bing cherries, plums, sage, lavender, and violets.

Mouth: Bright acidity keeps this wine fresh and lively, as the mouth flavors are reminiscent of the aromas. Fruit driven flavors of cassis, plums, and cherries mix with the barrel notes as the well integrated, slightly tacky tannins hold the wine together.

Technical Data

Release Date ∞ TBD

Harvest Date ∞ Sept. 25 – Oct. 21, 2008

Wine Data

TA : .65

PH.: 3.57

Alcohol: 14.5%

Fermentation: 21 days average

Barrel Ageing: 24 months

Mixed French Oak

Blend:

96 % Cabernet Sauvignon

4% Cabernet Franc