



**2007 Estate Cabernet Franc
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.

Cabernet Franc

Cabernet Franc was first established on our Stags Leap District Property in 1978, as suggested by a professor from Montpellier. 1982 was the first year a small amount of Cabernet Franc was blended into our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet Franc by nature is a soft-tannin wine, fruit-forward with good acidity. Our 2007 Cabernet Franc is a blend from two separate parcels on the property with a little bit of Merlot added for additional weight and fruit across the mid-palate.

Nose:

Sage, lavender, vanilla and sweet oak mingle with notes of violets and cherries.

Tasting Notes:

Bright red fruit flavors dominate up front. They then give way to darker notes of blueberries enhanced with oak vanillin, baking spices and cream, accentuated by the Merlot.

Technical Data

Release Date ∞ TBD

Harvest Date ∞ September 14th & October 3rd 2007

Brix at Harvest: 24.4 & 25 Brix average

Wine Data

TA: 0.71

PH: 3.58

Alcohol: 14.2%

Fermentation: 10-15 days average

Barrel Ageing: 18 months

French Oak

Blend:

98 % Cabernet Franc

2 % Merlot

Cases Produced: 150