



ESTATE WINES · STAGS LEAP DISTRICT



2008 Estate Merlot 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

This wine is a blend of two of our three blocks of Merlot located in our estate vineyard in the Stags Leap District of the Napa Valley. This wine can be enjoyed now and will gain added complexity with cellar aging from 3 to 10 years.

Technical Data

Release Date ∞ August 2011
Harvest Date ∞ Sept. 2008
Brix at Harvest: 25.8 brix average

Wine Data

TA : .74
PH.: 3.46
Alcohol: 14.3%

Fermentation: 10-15 days average

Barrel Ageing: 18 months
Mixed French Oak

Blend:
100% Merlot

Winemaker Notes:

Color: Nice dark garnet.

Nose: Hints of sweet oak and vanilla mingle with violets, plums, and blackberries, and is accented with just a touch of anise.

Mouth: This merlot is packed with flavor from start to finish, just as we suggest when we call it the Cabernet lover's Merlot. Mouth-coating tannins provide the framework for the black and blue fruit flavors along with hints of oak and cedar. This wine is supple and rich, while at the same time is well structured and balanced.

