



# Steltzner

VINEYARDS

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## 2010 Claret Napa Valley

### Steltzner Vineyards & Stags Leap District

Our Claret bottling is always a fun labor of love. This wine allows us not only to utilize our estate Stags Leap vineyard fruit but also allows us to work with other Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot Vineyards from throughout the southern portion of the Napa Valley.

### Claret

Eleanor, Queen of Aquitaine, divorced Louis VII of France and married Henry II of England (1152), securing Aquitaine independence from France. The English had grown fond of Claret, the principal export of Aquitaine province, Bordeaux. Spawned from these events, the 100-year war (1337-1453) ensued over women's property rights and Claret. This historic merchants' wine reached its popularity zenith the 19<sup>th</sup> century England, Claret emerged as the fashionable beverage of choice. In the English quest of leisure and sociability, it was served in the afternoons at the grand estates and manor houses.

In the tradition of those merchants past we are thrilled to carry on the legacy of Claret!

### Winemakers notes:

Beautiful full fruit balanced with dark toasted oak notes. Classic Bordeaux blend with just enough Merlot and Cabernet Franc to give the underlying Cabernet Sauvignon finesse and grace. Dark berry fruits with hints of cedar box on the finish.

Drink now through 2020.

### Technical Data

**Release Date** ∞ November 2012

**Harvest Date** ∞ Sept 12<sup>h</sup> – October 22, 2010

**Brix at Harvest:** 24.9 brix average

### Wine Data

**TA:** .59

**PH.:** 3.64

**Alcohol:** 13.7%

**Fermentation:** 10-15 days average

**Barrel Ageing:** 22 months

Mixed French Oak

### Blend:

65% Cabernet Sauvignon

20% Merlot

15% Cabernet Franc

**Winemaker:** Bob Pepi