

1985 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
Technical Information

Harvest dates:	September 26 to October 7
Varietal composition:	96 percent Cabernet Sauvignon 4 percent Merlot
Vineyard locations:	Disney Vineyard, Stags Leap District
Bottling date:	July to August 1987
Release date:	May 1, 1988
Total Production:	11,000 cases

The 1985 Cabernets from Napa Valley have been anticipated enthusiastically ever since they were first fermented and began to hint at their extraordinary quality. Early reports on the first releases confirm that it is proving to be an excellent vintage, and Silverado's remarkable 1985 bottling is already capturing the attention of the wine trade. Coming on the heels of our wonderfully aromatic and superbly structured 1984, this wine carries on Silverado's tradition of well-bred fruit, fine structure, and excellent balance, but with something more. In 1985, nature added an unusual lushness and depth of character. Ripe but not heady, fleshy but not soft, firm but not harsh, dark but not opaque, the wine is above all superbly harmonious.

Originally planted in 1969, Silverado's vines were among the first to establish the reputation of the Stags Leap District for fine Cabernet Sauvignon. Since 1981, when estate-grown grapes were first delivered to the new Silverado Vineyards winery, we have used traditional techniques to produce elegant wines, true to their vineyard heritage. Experience the results of thoughtful winegrowing by visiting Silverado in the Napa Valley.

American Winery of 1987, Grand National Wine Competition
Winemaker of the Year, International Wine and Spirit Competition, London 1987