



2017 ABEL | STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## WINEMAKING

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### HARVEST DATES

September 28, 2017

### BRIX AT HARVEST

Average 24.4°

### MACERATION

25 days

### BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 18 months in 48% new oak

### OVERALL OAK PROFILE

100% French oak

pH: 3.43 | TA: 6.85 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.4% by volume

PRODUCTION: 660 cases

## HERITAGE

**SILVERADO VINEYARD (100%)** – One of the first four vineyards planted to Cabernet in the appellation in the 1960s, the Silverado Vineyard helped establish the reputation of the Stags Leap District. The vineyard produces Cabernet with excellent acid structure and fine-grained tannin, all classic characteristics of wines from the region. This vineyard is the heart and soul of all our Cabernets.

## SOILS + CLIMATE

Silverado Vineyards' steep, shale soils and western exposures to the late afternoon sun come together to produce fruit with the character and structure for which the Stags Leap District came to be known.

## VINTAGE

From abundant winter rains to cool spring weather, warm summer temperatures and October's wildfires, 2017 is a memorable vintage. Plentiful winter rains helped refresh our vines and led to a cool, mild spring. Due in part to these warmer temperatures, 90% of Napa Valley's grape tonnage was harvested before the wine country wildfires began. Based on Silverado's house wine style, we typically pick early and were fortunate to have 100% of our fruit harvested with no smoke impact.

## TASTING NOTES

Pronounced aromas of ripe red cherries and rose petals. A burst of sweet red cherries, pomegranate and plum greet the palate. Hints of vanilla, cola and clove. Striking energy, smooth and refined tannins, and a long cherry finish.

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