



2019 ABEL | STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKING

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST DATES

October 6 - 9, 2019

BRIX AT HARVEST

Average 24.0°

MACERATION

25 days

BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 18 months in 40% new oak

OVERALL OAK PROFILE

100% French oak

pH: 3.38 | TA: 6.16 g/L | RS: 0.4%

ALCOHOL: 14.4% by volume

PRODUCTION: 663 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

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure, and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of anise and red licorice lead to a fruit-driven palate with abundant cherry flavors and herbal notes. Medium tannins bring this wine into perfect harmony.

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